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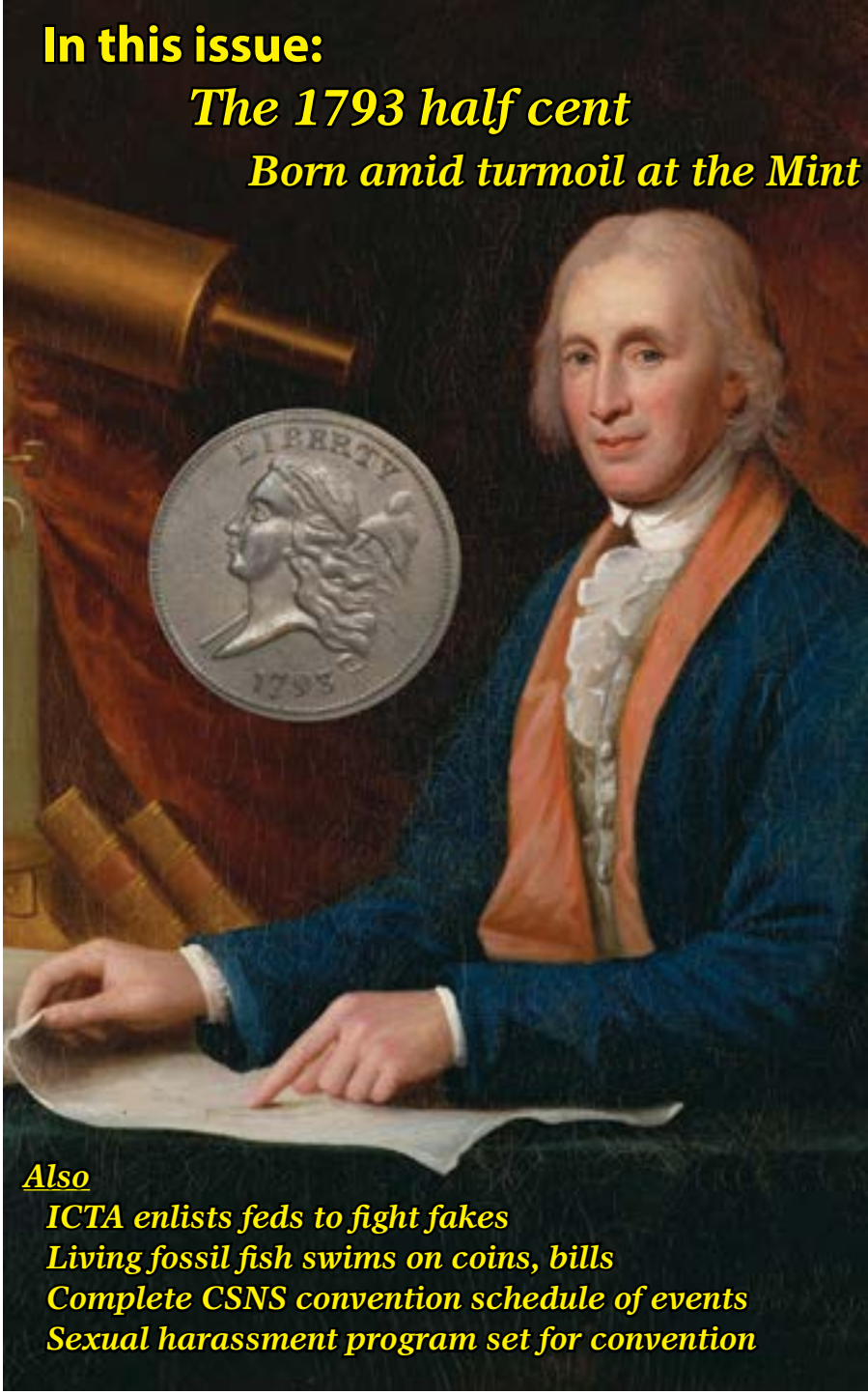

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President's Message

This will be my last column as president of the Central States Numismatic Society. I would like to thank my fellow officers for their service the last two years.

A father-son team will be joining the Central States Numismatic Society's leadership in April when the officers and new Board of Governors are installed at our 79th Anniversary Convention. I'm proud to have served as president the last two years and pleased to hand the gavel to a person as competent and involved as Nebraska's Mitch Ernst. Mitch will be joined in his service to the society by his son, Samuel, who was also elected to our board.

Both are well suited to help guide Central States as it navigates a changing environment for collectors and collecting. The internet, Chinese counterfeits and an aging collector base all present challenges to the hobby and the organizations that serve it.

Brett Irick who resides in Michigan was elected vice president of the society. Listed elsewhere in this publication are the election results.

Thank you to the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society which has donated $5,000 to the Central States Numismatic Society. This donation will be used to support our educational endeavors and outreach to the wider numismatic community.

Mark your calendar to attend the CSNS 79th Anniversary Convention April 25-28, 2018 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. Contact the hotel at 847-303-4100 and mention "Central States Numismatic 2018" for our $159 rate. There will be programs, speakers and outstanding exhibits. Encourage others to attend this convention.

See you in Schaumburg.

Karen Jach

Kevin Foley

From the Convention Chairman

Once again our Anniversary Convention is almost here. While the Bourse Chairman and I are necessarily the face of the convention, we do have plenty of help and support. When you come to the convention --- and I hope that a high percentage of our membership will avail themselves of the opportunity --- you'll receive a printed convention program that lists the names of all the others who make our event possible by hands-on working at the event. I hope that you'll let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. Patricia and I certainly do. Some of them are fairly visible, some not so much. What they all do have in common is that each in their own way is an important part of the overall effort.

CSNS Convention Chairman Kevin Foley, right, delivers a newly inscribed life membership card to longtime CSNS booth holder Greg Hannigan at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Denver last summer. Hannigan is also a CSNS convention sponsor.

Over the recent past the Industry Council for Tangible Assets has formed an anti-counterfeiting task force, headed by Beth Deisher. The task force includes participants not simply from the world of numismatics, but law enforcement, government and other interested stakeholders, as well. ICTA is a defender of every single participant in the field of numismatics, whether you are a dealer, auction house, advanced or simply a beginning collector. They exist to and do protect the interests of all of us, whether you view yourself primarily as a dealer, a collector or a numismatic researcher.

On Friday, April 27, at 8:30 a.m. Kathy McFadden and David Crenshaw of the ICTA staff will give a program in Nirvana C of the Schaumburg Convention Center: *State and National Legislative and Regulatory Update; ICTA Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force Update.* ICTA is not an ivory tower organization conducting arcane academic studies. They are in the trenches fighting for *you,* identifying and defending against a broad range of threats to the field we all par-

ticipate in. Do take advantage of these opportunities to in person learn about the content of their initiatives.

Photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions

Operation Bernhard Counterfeit £20 note

On the subject of defending our interests, some of you may not be aware that our legal counsel, Steve Bieda, has an important "day job" as a Michigan state senator. He is also seeking the Democratic nomination to represent his district in the 2018 election for the United States House of Representatives. Steve is a past multiple winner of our Bradfield-Finner literary award, is the designer of one of our modern commemorative coins and is also a prolific *Centinel* author. At 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, in Nirvana C at our convention, the Gold and Silver Political Action Committee will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" with Sen. Bieda. This would be a fine opportunity for you to meet him and share your opinions about issues of the day, both numismatic and non.

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Heritage Auctions, financial sponsors of the educational presentations on Friday and Saturday that bear their name, we'll once again have a range a meritorious and informative lectures. In addition to being an overwhelmingly important part of the commercial end of the numismatic trade, Heritage is also an important educational presence. Its sponsorship subsidy for our educational forum is but one example of this role.

On Friday, April 27, Dale Lukanich will lead off at 10:30 a.m. with *Operation Bernhard Counterfeit Notes.* This is a story probably more well known within the numismatic world than outside and deals with German efforts during World War II to destabilize the British economy through the production and dissemination of highly deceptive counterfeit notes. All of us know at least a bit of this story. This is your opportunity to substantially increase your knowledge. Mr. Lukanich will be followed at noon by Dr. Larry Lee, whose topic will be *Indian Peace Medals in the Crane Collection.*

The final Heritage-sponsored program on Friday will get underway at 1:30 p.m. with Peter Huntoon on *George Casilear: Patented Lettering on Large Size United States Currency.* I've personally attended a number of Peter's talks over the years and tell people that if you know nothing about the subject, he'll ignite an intellectual curiosity in you; while if you already have extensive knowledge of the subject, he'll rekindle your interest and help you to realize that maybe you didn't really know quite as much as you thought.

The Heritage Numismatic Education Forum will continue of Saturday with Col. Joe Boling on *World War I Generated Many New Paper Money Issues and the Counterfeiters Followed Right Along.* Col. Boling has been a numismatic

St. Eligius strikes a coin on this Austrian medal.

educator and lecturer for more years than many of us can remember. His talks focus on highly specialized topics within the paper money field and bring to life in an exciting way subject matter areas that many of us didn't even know existed.

At noon Scott Douglas will hold forth on *St. Eligius: the Patron Saint of Numismatics.* This marks the second year in a row that we've had a program focusing on the life of one of the saints. It follows Louise Boling's presentation last year at the Women in Numismatics meeting on the life of Saint Barbara.

At 1 p.m. CSNS governor and Mequon, WI, dealer Andy Kimmel will speak on *Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Buying Coins.* Kimmel is an engaging speaker and his topic is one that should be of interest to everyone with even a passing interest in numismatics.

We are also privileged to have with us for the seventh and concluding program in our Heritage Educational Forum at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday Chicago attorney Tamara Holder. If you are thinking, "I know I've heard that name somewhere before," you're right. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona and Chicago's John Marshall School of Law. She is a former on-air contributor to the Fox News Channel and has appeared on CNN, HLN and TruTV. In addition to having hosted Sports Court on Fox, she also appeared there as a political commentator. I know that many of our members are especially devoted followers of Fox News. This will give you all an opportunity to meet one-on-one with one of their most visible and prominent former contributors and engage in direct questions and conversation with her about the issues explored in her program.

Her topic will be: *Sexual Harassment Liability Issues for Numismatic Employers, Event Sponsors and Organizations.* For those of you who are wondering what sexual harassment has to do with numismatics, it might be instructive to turn your TV on, open a newspaper or scroll through Facebook a bit. Over the past year there have been numerous instances of people (largely men) resigning from positions of considerable power and prominence in the fields of entertainment, politics and business in the face of accusations of misconduct, predation and worse, sometimes far worse – across a wide range of human activities and endeavors.

In some instances their employers have entered into financial settlements reaching into the eight figures to remediate claims made against them by victims. Perpetrators, some of considerable celebrity and fame, have also entered into multimillion dollar settlements *from their own personal resources.* More recently there has been what might be called Chapter II, i.e. individuals with knowledge of such conduct who, even though they were not direct perpetrators, failed in their obligations to either prevent or address sexual harassment in organizations they governed. Chapter III is perhaps the most chilling of all for those governing

officials who adopt a posture of looking the other way -- legal actions brought by victims seeking damages from the personal resources of those who knew or should have known and failed to do anything to prevent or address the underlying misconduct. There is also a Chapter IV, again which should send shudders and chills down the backs of anyone who is an employer or governing official for any organization, derivative lawsuits against the personal resources of organizational managing or governing officials brought by shareholders or members against those same officials who turned a blind eye, pretended that there was no problem or who otherwise became complicit by enabling harassing behavior to go on by virtue of their inaction, with the result that the company or non-profit organization was required to pay out substantial settlements that could have been prevented but for their negligent failure to intervene.

There is also much more, however, a Chapter V that goes well beyond the legalities and liabilities involved - the emotional impact, frustration, humiliation, degradation and *yes,* devastation in the lives of the victims, both direct and indirect. That really transcends issues of resignations, firings, monetary settlements and touches the core of the issue – the lives of innocent people that are upended and derailed, the hopes crushed and the dreams forever unrealized. No amount of money can compensate for that.

That, folks, is what the general subject of sexual harassment has to do with numismatics.

Kevin Foley

Patricia Foley

Bourse Chairman and Secretary

While I'm writing this message, it is snowing outside, and there is not a blade of grass in sight. In just a few more weeks, however, the crocuses will be pushing up through the last of the snow and the daffodils won't be far behind. The convention chairman and I will be in the final weeks of preparation for our Anniversary Convention and the focus of the world of numismatics will be Schaumburg, our 300+ booth bourse, our educational programs and our Heritage auctions.

President-elect Mitch Ernst speaks on nonprofit management at last year's convention.

As we move closer to the convention, there are always late changes to the Schedule of Events for the convention. Although it appears here in this issue of *The Centinel,* please remember to visit our website, www.centralsates.info for up-to-date, last-minute changes. Our press deadline for the magazine was Feb. 15, so there may be information about the convention on the website that is more current than what we present in this issue of *The Centinel.*

The Central States Numismatic Society recently had an election to determine who our officers will be during the 2018-2020 period. In case you haven't already learned from one news source or another, the results appear below. The percentage in parentheses after the vote total for each candidate is the percentage of the total number of the 755 ballots cast that the listed candidate received. The italicized names are those of the unsuccessful candidates:

President:

Mitch Ernst	614 (81%)

Vice-President:

Brett Irick	348 (46%)
Joe Peruski	*295 (39%)*

Governor:

Robert Fanger	432 (57%)
Mike Curran	419 (55%)
David Nazzaro	413 (55%)
Brad Karoleff	401 (53%)
Andy Kimmel	385 (51%)
Lynn Armstrong	381 (50%)
Greg Oglesby	369 (49%)
Samuel Ernst	356 (47%)
George Cuhaj	353 (47%)
Larry Schneider	350 (46%)
Bruce Perdue	*345 (46%)*
Joseph LeBlanc	*288 (38%)*
Costa Roupas	273 (36%)

As you can see from these election results, the fifth through eleventh place finishers are grouped quite closely together, with only 40 votes separating them all. In fact, only five votes decided the issue of one candidate returning to the Board and another not. In all, five incumbents will be returning to the office of governor, while there will be five totally new office holders. Incoming President,Mitch Ernst had previously served on the Board, but was not a member of the immediate past Board. Current President Karen Jach will move on to the voting office of immediate past president.

Thank you to all who cared enough about the organization to run for office. I'm looking forward to working with the new Board.

You'll find elsewhere in this issue another statement from the Convention Chairman, a reprint of a piece he did for *Numismatic News* about the importance of supporting the official hotel room block at numismatic conventions and the consequences of not doing that. You can find this reprint on page 22 Please take the time to read this article and remember the importance of supporting the official hotel room block at numismatic conventions.

On the subject of hotel reservations, I do hope that by now you've all made your reservations under our room block at the Schaumburg Renaissance. If you haven't, please call the hotel at 847-303-4100 and ask for the $159 **"Central States Numismatic 2018"** rate. If you experience any issues with making your reservation, please call Convention Chairman Kevin Foley at 414-807-0116 to see if he can help you.

I do also have a word of warning and advice about booking your room for our convention, or any other for that matter. A number of numismatic conventions, ours, the New York International Numismatic Convention, the Whitman Baltimore Expo, FUN and the American Numismatic Association have been adversely impacted by opportunistic entities that visit convention websites and then contact booth holders, falsely representing or implying that they are actually affiliated directly with the hotel or the convention itself. They then offer to make

Rothfeld Award

The 79th Anniversary Convention will feature a new exhibit award - the Rothfeld Award for Best Topical Exhibit. Longtime exhibitor Dany Rothfeld saw the need for the award and worked with Exhibit Chairperson Jack Huggins to establish it. Rothfeld and Huggins will judge the award. All exhibits, regardless of category, are eligible for the award.

Bourse chairman's report continued

reservations on behalf of the attendee. At the very least these entities remove people from the official convention room block, exposing the conventions in question to financial liability for failure to meet room production obligations and jeopardizing the ability of the convention to book desired future dates – or maybe even to book at all.

At the other extreme, such entities are sometimes outright frauds, obtaining credit card and other identifying financial information, not booking the reservation at all and even making unauthorized credit card charges or purchases. To book your room at any convention you attend, ours or someone else's, the best practice is not to respond to a phone call and *only* to book directly yourself, either through the convention website or a reservation phone published by the convention and appearing on the convention website.

As you are all aware, I'm also the secretary of the Central States Numismatic Society. One of my duties is to bill you all for your annual dues and keep the membership rolls up to date. In going through the mailing list I find that I have a mental image of more and more of you who I've met personally, either at our own convention or others that I attend to generally market and promote our convention and overall activities. I do enjoy meeting all of you and listening to your stories about your collecting interests, your successes and even your disappointments. I keep a booth of my own at the convention to give us a greater chance to get acquainted, or reacquainted, so please don't think you are creating a distraction by stopping to introduce yourself and chat a bit.

I hope that all of your plans are complete for Schaumburg and am really looking forward to seeing you there.

Particia Foley

Membership Applications

The persons named below *have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary prior to that date.*

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Rebecca Evans ..... Chicago, IL
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Bruce Walker..... Henderson, NV
Emily Weight.....New York, NY
James Woolridge..... Rapids City, IL

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Andrew Newman..... St. Louis, MO

Club

Waterloo-Cedar Falls
Coin Club..... Cedar Falls, IA

Junior

Chris Modrall .....Flower Mound, TX

Deceased

Don Bingaman ..... Eastpointe, MI
L230 (Joined 1978)
Phil Carrigan ..... Waukegan,IL
R4310 (Joined 1984
Richard Hartzog..... Rockford, IL
L300 (Joined 1977
Vince Zaccardi ..... New Lisbon, WI
L881 (Joined 1999)

Correction: The numbers were transposed in an article about CSNS authors grants in the Winter issue of *The Centinel*. Dr. Lawrence Korchnak received a $5,000 grant to research siege money. David Gelwicks received a $3,000 grant to complete a Michigan scrip project. The editor regrets the error.

Bruce Perdue

Words from the Web

There's an app for that

Lately I have been exploring "Apps" (Applications) for coin collecting that run on my cell phone. I got into this because I wanted an app to track the books I had borrowed from the public library. I did a quick search and came up with an app called "My Library." I have been using it for a couple of months to catalog my personal library.

Having been successful regarding books, I turned to coins. First a quick word about the fact that some apps work on only iPhones (Apple devices), others work on "Android" devices, and more and more work on both. Some also will work on a desktop or laptop computer. This can be useful if you want to backup the data or work on a larger device. I recommend going to the appropriate site for your phone, either the Apple Store or the Google Play Store.

What I did was run a search for "numismatic" apps. In the Google Play Store I found a large number. Here are just a few of the ones that I found interesting. Run your own search and see what catches your eye. Most are free and can be uninstalled if you don't like them.

PCGS offers "PCGS CoinFacts" an online catalog of U.S. coins. This app offers free access to information on over 39,000 U.S. coins. You can check recent auction prices and get images.

ANA offers an app to read *The Numismatist* on your cell phone.

"Coin Collection" allows you to track the U.S. coins in your collection and to check coins for value and rarity.

"Coins US, Canada, EURO, USSR Imperial Russia" allows you to catalog your collection and check for information on the app about your coin if it comes from the mentioned countries.

"Coinoscope" is cool. It uses you phone's camera to take an image and search for information on the coin. It works on foreign and U.S. coins.

eBay offers an app as do Amazon and all major retailers. There are many more out there. These are just a few quick ones I ran across and tried out. Most are free, but most run ads on your screen along with the app. As with all apps you download, read the information and understand what you are downloading.

Happy collecting!

Bruce Perdue

CSNS Website Advertising

Below are the rates for advertising on the Central States Website (www.centralstates.info).

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240 by 240 px ads can be purchased on a quarterly or annual basis.

Quarterly - since the highest volume of visitors is from January thru May, 1st and 2nd quarter 240 by 240 px ads are $50 per quarter and 3rd and 4th quarter are $25 each quarter.

Annual - Annual ads are $125 yearly for a 240-by-240 px ad.

All must be paid for in advance.

Dealer inline graphic ads on the dealer page in the listing section are $50 annually with a table purchase. Speak to Patricia Foley or Kevin Foley when purchasing your table.

Graphics should be created by the advertiser. Graphics work done by the Webmaster are at a $25 an hour with a minimum charge of 2 hours.

Questions and submissions should be sent to bdperdue1@netscape.net.

Free Ads

Individuals and dealers/companies who donate a minimum of $500 in cash or merchandise are eligible for a free 240-by-240 px advertisement. These will be placed at the discretion of the Webmaster on the Convention Page (www.centralstates.info/conv.html), the Convention Schedule Page (www.centralstates.info/sched.html) or on the Dealer Page (www.centralstates.info/dealers.html). Placement is on a first-come, first-served basis and is at the discretion of the Webmaster. Dealers who make the $500 donation are additionally eligible for an inline graphic ad, in the alpha listing of dealers, on the Dealer Page. This ad must be 300-by-50 px.

All ads must be "web ready" and submitted as a jpg or png image. All ads can be linked to any page that the advertiser wishes. This link will only be added if a link is submitted with the image. A link may be added later at the discretion of the Webmaster if submitted by the dealer/company/individual by email to Webmaster CSNS. It is the responsibility of the dealer/company/individual to submit all art work and relevant links to the Webmaster. (Webmaster CSNS) Individuals donating $1,500 or more will be given an ad on the CSNS home page in addition to previously mentioned ads.

All advertisement should be related to numismatics or be of interest to numismatists. Acceptance of ads is at the sole discretion of the Webmaster.

Tamara Holder presentation

Sexual harassment victimizes women, places clubs at risk

By Mitch Ernst, M.Div., CFM

President-elect Central States Numismatic Society

I think I speak for many, when I say that I have been shocked to see the depth and scope of sexual harassment reports affecting many different kinds of workplace environments. Whether it is politics, the entertainment world, schools or athletic departments, the reports are stunning. Even more stunning are the reports of a culture that allows such behavior to go unreported due to fear of retaliation, disbelief of victims' claims, or simply turning a blind eye. Hey, if we ignore something, it will eventually go away, won't it?

Sadly, the impact and scars of harassment on victims, their families, their relationships, and their health, both physically and psychologically don't magically go away by ignoring what happened. As we have seen in the news, just the opposite is true. And the culture of turning a blind eye will eventually catch up to those hoping the problem will just go away and will bring down the perpetrators, the enablers, businesses and those who were in charge.

That is why one of my first acts as president of Central States will be to make sure the culture of CSNS is one that recognizes that harassment of any kind will not be tolerated at any level in our organization or in our bourse. Therefore, with the leadership of our convention chairman, Kevin Foley, Central States will have a special educational offering at our convention in April. We have invited Chicago-based attorney, former Fox News contributor and harassment victim herself, Tamara Holder, to speak at our convention and to our Board. Her topic will be *Sexual Harassment Liability Issues for Numismatic Employers, Event Sponsors and Organizations*. She will be speaking to the public at our 79th Anniversary Convention Saturday April 28 at 2:30 p.m. in Nirvana C on the second level of the convention center.

You see, I don't think numismatic education should stop at die varieties or grading seminars. If we think that these kinds of societal issues exist only in every other corner of the world, but not in ours, we do ourselves, the hobby and hobby organizations a great disservice. I believe those in leadership positions have an obligation to have policies in place to clearly define and address these issues if and when they should ever occur. We have an obligation to have the foresight to have procedures in place for complaints, to protect victims, and those who may try to help them from possible retaliation.

I realize that this is a risk, because human nature tells us not to get involved. "Why should I be concerned?" "This has never happened to me." "Why should my company be concerned? After all, this might be too controversial and we

certainly don't want to take that kind of business risk." Risk? Let's talk about risk and the consequences of ignoring or denying that the problem exists. For example, how about liability claims against board members who become complicit enablers by ignoring and failing to prevent or turning a blind eye to retaliation?

How about the risk of a potential lawsuit? Or, how about the risk of liability claims against board members from shareholders of a for-profit company or against members of a nonprofit board to hold them personally liable for judgments against the organization that they could have prevented, but failed to, by becoming enablers of harassing behaviors because they chose to ignore it? Ask the officials at Michigan State University how that business model worked out for them.

Tamara Holder

Not only does your organization suffer the probable humiliation of being exposed as enablers; but the possible economic consequences could be crippling. First, you may have reduced productivity by the victims due to workplace distractions caused by harassment. Customers may not go to your show or buy coins from your business. Numismatic organizations may discover that they have a reduction in productivity by their governing officials because they have to deal with harassment claims that they failed to prevent or address and they now have to deal with lawsuits and potential judgments against the organization and themselves personally. Moreover, you may have to deal with an increase in insurance costs caused by claims that could have been prevented by a proactive anti-harassment policy.

Our program at the Central States convention with Tamara Holder is geared to address those potential problems and suggest a possible solution. I hope you can attend. I encourage you to do so. Information like this is like having a survival kit in your house if there is a tornado, an earthquake or you lose power for an extended period of time. You should always be prepared. That is why I believe it is the obligation of those in governing positions on boards to have policies in place to clearly define, prevent, and have clear complaint procedures to protect victims and third-party reporters against retaliation and to discipline perpetrators. There is an obligation by leadership of all organizations and society in general, to speak out in order to produce a culture change where harassment becomes simply unacceptable. It is my hope, as incoming president, this presentation makes the statement that CSNS intends to do just that. After all, isn't numismatics all about looking for value in change?

Central States Numismatic Society 79th Anniversary Convention

Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center
1551 North Thoreau Drive – Schaumburg, IL 60173

April 23 - 28, 2018

Schedule of Events

(Current as of 1/30/18)

Please consult the printed convention program booklet issued on site for potential later changes. For potential changes to the auction schedules, please consult the printed Heritage auction catalogs on site, or visit the Heritage website, www.ha.com)

Note:

Auction lot viewing will take place in Nirvana Ballrooms A-B of the Convention Center, located on the second level of the center to the left of the entrance from the hotel main lobby. Coin auction sessions will take place in Utopia Ballroom C, while currency auction sessions will take place in Utopia Ballroom D, both located on the second level of the convention center to the right of the entrance from the main hotel lobby. For additional information about Heritage and its auction presentations, both at the Central States Numismatic Society and other conventions, visit its website, www.ha.com.

The convention bourse will be held in Discovery Hall, located on the ground floor level of the convention center. Both booth holder and public registration will take place outside the main Discovery Hall entrance.

Convention meetings, programs and the security room are located on the second floor meeting room level of the convention center.

Monday, April 23

1 PM	Security Room Opens	Convention Center Utopia A-B
4 PM	Booth Holder/Early Bird Registration Opens ($125 Registration Fee for Early Birds)	Discovery Hall Entrance
7:30 PM	Booth Holder/Early Bird Registration Closes	Discovery Hall Entrance
11 PM	Security Room Closes for Evening	Utopia A-B

Tuesday, April 24

8 AM	Security Room Opens	Convention Center Utopia A-B
9 AM	CSNS Booth Holder and Early Bird/ Professional Preview Registration Opens ($125 Registration Fee for Early Birds)	Convention Center Discovery Hall Entrance
10 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
7 PM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Closes	Convention Center Nirvana A-B

8 PM	CSNS Booth Holder Registration Closes Early Bird/Professional Preview Registration Closes	Convention Center Discovery Hall Entrance
12 mid	Security Room Closes for Evening	Utopia A-B

Wednesday, April 25

7 AM	Security Room Opens	Convention Center Utopia A-B
7:30 AM	CSNS Booth Holder Registration Opens	Convention Center Discovery Hall Entrance
8 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
8 AM	Bourse Area Opens for Move-In by CSNS Convention Sponsors	Convention Center Discovery Hall
9 AM	Bourse Area Opens for CSNS Booth Holders	Discovery Hall
9 AM	Educational Exhibitors May Set Up Non-commercial displays between 9AM-5PM	Discovery Hall
11 AM	Early Bird/Professional Preview **Registration** Opens ($125 Registration Fee)	Discovery Hall Entrance
12 noon	Early Bird/Professional Preview **Entry** Opens ($125 Registration Fee)	Discovery Hall
1 PM	Security Room Closes: **All merchandise must be removed. Security Room reopens at 4 PM Saturday, April 28**	Convention Center Utopia A-B
3 PM	Bourse Area Opens to Public Attendees ($5 Daily Convention Registration Fee or $10 for Duration of Public Hours)	Discovery Hall
6 PM	CSNS Booth Holder Registration Closes Early Bird/Professional Preview Registration Closes	Discovery Hall Entrance
6 PM	Session I – Heritage Coin Auction	Convention Center Utopia C
6 PM	Session I – Heritage U.S. Currency Auction	Convention Center Utopia D
7 PM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Closes	Nirvana A-B

Thursday, April 26

8 AM	Booth Holder Registration Opens	Convention Center Discovery Hall Entrance
8 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
8 AM	Board Meeting: Women in Numismatics	Convention Center Serenity Room
9 AM	Membership Meeting: Women in Numismatics Program: To be announced	Convention Center Serenity Room
9 AM	Public Registration Opens	Discovery Hall Entrance
9 AM	Bourse Area Opens for Booth Holders	Discovery Hall Entrance
9 AM	Bourse Area Opens for Early Bird/ Professional Preview Registrants	Convention Center Discovery Hall
9 AM-12 PM	Educational Exhibitors May Set Up	Discovery Hall

10 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Pickup Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
10 AM	Bourse Area Opens to Public ($5 Daily Convention Registration Fee or $10 for Duration of Public Hours)	Discovery Hall
1 PM	Session II – Heritage Coin Auction	Utopia C
1 PM	Heritage Auction Lot Pickup Closes	Nirvana A-B
5 PM	Meeting: ANA Exhibit Judges Certification	Convention Center
	Program– Moderated by Brett Irick; ANA Deputy Chief Judge and Exhibit Judge Certifier	Serenity Room
6 PM	Session III – Heritage Coin Auction *Platinum Night*	Utopia C
6 PM	Session II – Heritage U.S. Currency Auction	Utopia D
6 PM	Bourse Area Closes	Discovery Hall
6:30 PM	One way Traffic in Bourse Area (Booth Holder or Early Bird/Professional Preview Badge Required for Reentry)	Discovery Hall
7 PM	Bourse Area Closes for Evening	Discovery Hall
7 PM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Closes	Nirvana A-B

Friday, April 27

7:30AM	Meeting: Fellowship of Christian Numismatists	Convention Center Serenity Room
8 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
8 AM	Booth Holder Registration Opens	Convention Center Discovery Hall Lobby
8:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Kathy McFadden, Executive Director and David Crenshaw, Chief Operating Officer – Industry Council for Tangible Assets; Jimmy Hayes, ICTA Congressional Consultant and Beth Deisher, Director – ICTA Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force: *State and National Legislative and Regulatory Update; ICTA Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force Update*	Convention Center Nirvana C
9 AM	Meeting: Liberty Seated Collectors Club Program: To be announced	Convention Center Prosperity Room
9 AM	Public Registration Opens	Discovery Hall Lobby
9 AM	Bourse Area Opens for Booth Holders and Early Bird/Professional Preview Badge Holders	Discovery Hall
10 AM	Bourse Area Opens for Public Attendees ($5 Daily Convention Registration Fee or $10 for Duration of Public Hours)	Discovery Hall
10AM	Heritage Auction Lot Pickup Opens	Nirvana A-B
10:30 AM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session II: Dale Lukanich *Operation Bernhard Counterfeit Notes*	Nirvana C

11 AM	Meeting: Central States Numismatic Society General Membership Meeting	Convention Center Prosperity Room
11 AM	Meeting: Early American Coppers Club Program: TBA	Convention Center Serenity Room
1 PM	Meeting: International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors	Prosperity Room
1 PM	Session III – Heritage U.S. Currency Auction	Convention Center Utopia D
12 noon	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session II: Larry Lee *Indian Peace Medals in the Crane Collection*	Nirvana C
1:30 PM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session III: Peter Huntoon *George Casilear: Patented Lettering on Large Size United States Currency*	Nirvana C
5:30 PM	Meet and Greet with Congressional Candidate Steve Bieda – CSNS Legal Counsel	Nirvana C
5:30 PM	One Way Traffic in Bourse Area (Booth Holder or Early Bird/Professional Preview Badge Required for Reentry)	Discovery Hall
6 PM	Session IV – Heritage U.S. Currency	Convention Center
	Auction – Platinum Night	Utopia D
6 P M	Bourse Area Closes	Discovery Hall
6:30 PM	Session IV – Heritage Coin Auction	Utopia C
6:30 PM	Meeting: Central States Numismatic Society Board of Governors	Prosperity Room
7 PM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Closes	Nirvana A-B
8 PM	Session V – Heritage U.S. Currency Auction (time is approximate – at conclusion of Platinum Night session)	Convention Center Utopia D

Saturday, April 28

7:30 AM	Central States Numismatic Society Awards Breakfast	Convention Center Nirvana Foyer
8 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Convention Center Nirvana A-B
9 AM	Public Registration Opens	Discovery Hall Lobby
9 AM	Bourse Area Open for Booth Holders and Early Bird/Professional Preview Badge Holders	Discovery Hall Lobby
9 AM	Heritage Auction Lot Pickup Opens	Nirvana A-B
10 AM	Meeting: Illinois Numismatic Association Board of Governors	Convention Center Prosperity Room
10 AM	Registration Opens for Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic	Convention Center Utopia C
10 AM	Bourse Area Opens to Public Attendees ($5 Daily Convention Registration Fee or $10 for Duration of Public Hours)	Discovery Hall

10 AM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session IV: Joe Bolingr *World War I Generated Many New Paper Money Issues and the Counterfeiters Followed Right Along*	Convention Center Nirvana C
11 AM -4 PM	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic	Utopia C
11:30 AM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session V – Scott Douglas *St. Elegius: The Patron Saint of Numismatics*	Nirvana C
12 noon	Heritage Auction Lot Viewing Closes	Nirvana A-B
12 noon	Heritage Auction Lot Pickup Closes	Nirvana A-B
12 noon	Registration: Young Numismatists Treasure Hunt	Discovery Hall YN Activity Area
1 PM	Young Numismatists Treasure Hunt	Discovery Hall YN Activity Area
1 PM	Meeting: Chicago Coin Club Program: Beth Deisher - Director Industry Council for Tangible Assets *Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force The Current State of Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force Efforts*	Convention Center Utopia D
1 PM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session VI: Andy Kimmel *Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Buying Coins*	Nirvana C
2:30 PM	Heritage Numismatic Education Forum Session VII – Attorney Tamara Holder *Sexual Harassment Liability Issues for Numismatic Employers, Event Sponsors Clubs and Organizations*	Nirvana C
3 P M	Educational Exhibitors May Dismantle Displays	Discovery Halll
4 PM	One Way Traffic in Bourse Area (Booth Holder or Early Bird Badge Required for Reentry)	Discovery Hall
4 PM	Meeting: International Primitive Money Society Program: To be Announced	Serenity Room
5 PM	Bourse Area Closes Booth Holders May Dismantle Displays (Booth Holders and Educational Exhibitors only May be Present in Hall for 5 PM - 8 PM Move Out)	Discovery Hall
5 PM	Security Room Reopens	Convention Center Utopia A-B
8 PM	Move Out Period Concludes **<u>All Booths Must be Vacated</u>** **<u>Bourse Area Closes to All</u>**	Discovery Hall
11 PM	Security Room Closes for Evening	Convention Center Utopia A-B

Sunday, April 29

4 AM	Security Room Reopens	Convention Center
11 AM	Security Room Closes – **All Merchandise Must Be Removed**	

79th Anniversary Convention Concludes

Look forward to the Central States Numismatic Society's future conventions

2019	80th Anniversary Convention	April 24-27	Schaumburg, IL
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2021	82nd Anniversary Convention	April 21-24	Schaumburg, IL

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In My Opinion

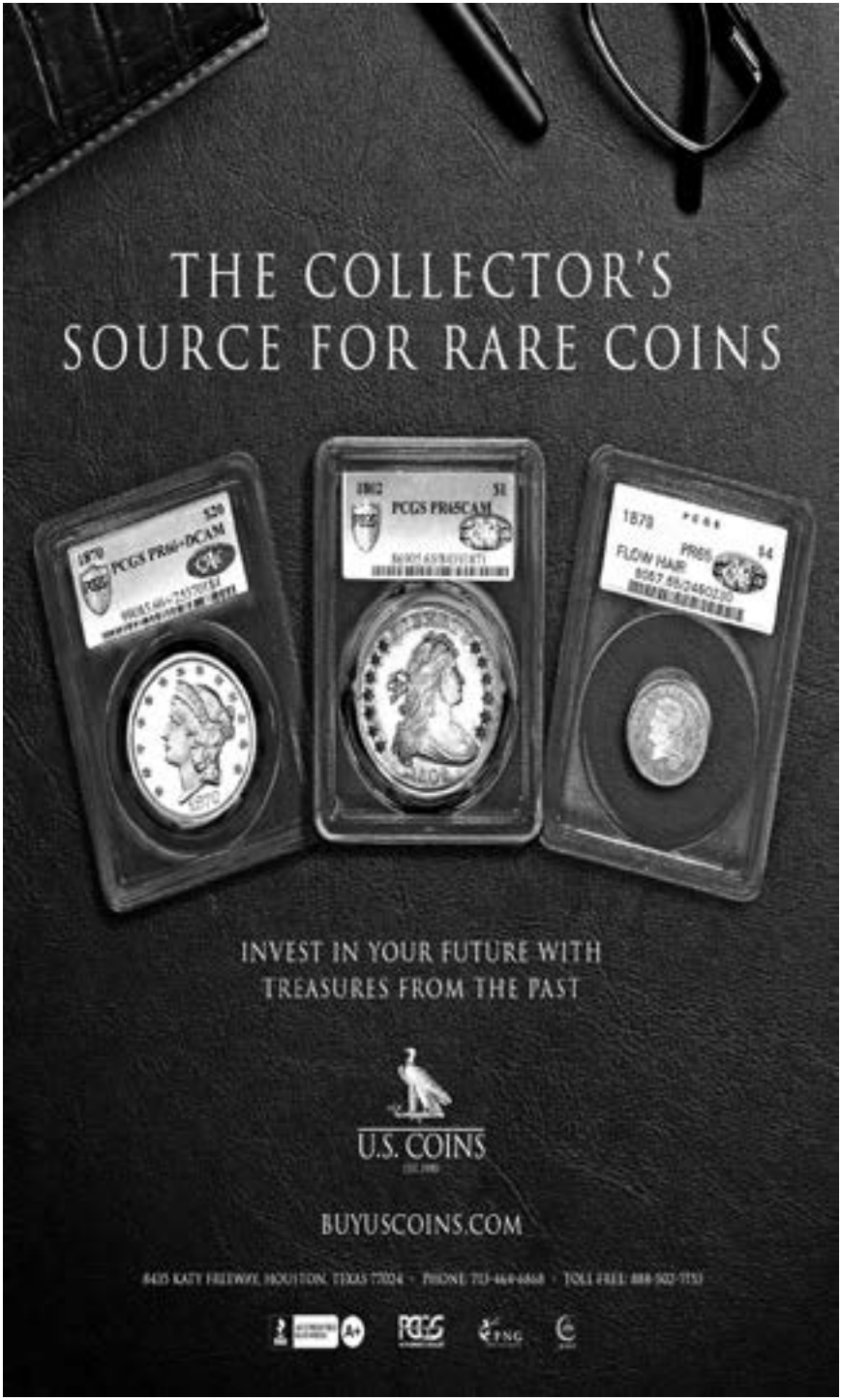
I read with interest *Numismatic News* Editor David Harper's recent blog regarding the issue of hotel-room pickup for conventions versus the amount of exhibit space that they use – the rooms to space ratio – an important factor in decision-making by convention centers as to whom and when they will offer their facilities.

Those who have an interest in major numismatic conventions, be they booth holders, dealers, collectors or exhibitors, need to recognize that the primary reason convention centers exist is to cause the rental of hotel rooms to out-of-town visitors and through that mechanism foster economic growth by introducing outside money to their local community. Indeed, in many cities convention-center management will not even consider contracting with any but the very largest conventions, as measured by verifiable sleeping-room-block production, until 18 months out from any event dates. People who fail to patronize the official room block of any numismatic convention that they attend in order to save a relatively modest amount of money are undermining the ability of the convention to book the dates the event sponsors desire most. Indeed, it is not at all an exaggeration to be even more blunt to state that they are undermining the ability of the convention to be held at all *in the city* that its management and attendees would like it to be in.

It may come as a shock to many numismatic convention participants to learn that even the largest of the events in our specialized corner of the world fail to qualify as being in the upper tier of room pickup – and therefore desirability – when convention centers decide who's in and who's out. So, when you make a decision to stay outside the official room block of the numismatic convention you are attending in order to save a few dollars, at least be honest about it with yourself and realize that you personally are contributing to the possibility that the convention will not be held where and when you want it to be.

Then, the next time around when you feel like complaining that the Baltimore Whitman shows never seem to be held on the same weekend on a consistent basis, or that the ANA isn't being held in a city you believe to be a better market, or that the FUN show isn't always held in Orlando, as you'd like it to be, perhaps a moment of reflection would be in order on the extent to which you personally have helped cause and contributed to the very outcome that you now feel aggrieved by.

Kevin Foley
Convention Chairman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ICTA

Task force engages federal forces in fight against counterfeits

By Beth Deisher
Director of Anti-Counterfeiting, ICTA

Translating ambition into reality can be a daunting task. But numismatic leaders are finding that with determination it can be done.

The Industry Council for Tangible Assets launched the Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force in January 2017 with an ambitious mission: To mobilize law enforcement resources to protect the integrity of U.S. and world coinage by educating law enforcement and government officials about the economic impact and growing threat posed by counterfeit circulating, collectible, and bullion coins.

Little more than a year later, ACTF can point to real progress, especially in engaging federal law enforcement to pay attention and investigate crimes involving counterfeiting and fraud.

An initial (and big) hurdle was distinguishing between the face value of coins and the market value. All U.S. federal law enforcement agencies prior to ACTF contact had used face value as the primary determinant in calculating the amount of fraud or damages. For example, if 500 counterfeit American Eagle $50 gold 1-ounce coins had been seized or detained, the value was calculated to be $2,500. Since agency policy had been that the fraud or crimes must meet at least a $10,000 threshold before prosecutors would go forward with a case, law enforcement agents rarely bothered to investigate "low value" cases.

ACTF was successful in educating federal law enforcement leaders and helping them to understand that the value of 500 real $50 gold 1-ounce coins would be $650,000 based on the spot price of gold at $1,300 an ounce. Thus, 500 counterfeits of the 1-ounce gold coin would far exceed prosecutors' threshold for moving forward on a case.

Such information – basic for knowledgeable collectors – was a startling revelation to U.S. law enforcement and served to open the doors for coopera-

tion at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security/ICE, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Fast forward a year: ACTF is now in the process of developing education materials and training media for agents in the field for all three agencies. And that's just for starters!

ACTF currently has 13 Work Groups with more than 40 experts and leaders volunteering their time and resources to work on a variety of projects that will assist law enforcement but will also provide invaluable tools and education to the collecting public as well.

The pace at which ACTF moves forward will be directly proportional to the financial resources available to it. It is funded entirely by contributions.

What's an American Eagle 1 ounce gold bullion coin worth, the $50 nominal denomination stamped on it or the $1,300 value of the gold it contains? The issue was crucial to getting federal officials to recognize counterfeiting as a serious crime.

ACTF was jump-started in its first year by a $50,000 memorial gift from Chandra Kreuzer-Zell Rudd, daughter of the late coin dealer Alan Kreuzer of Castro Valley, CA. Other substantial donations came from a small number of coin dealers and several numismatic organizations, such as the Central States Numismatic Society.

"While we shall be forever grateful to those who stepped forward in our first year, we have come to realize that we can't move forward by drawing from the same small well year after year," said Philip N. Diehl, chairman of the board of ICTA.

"Thus, we have established the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) to receive charitable contributions to help fund and support the work of the ACTF. The paper work has been completed and filed and the foundation can receive contributions as it awaits final approval from the IRS," Diehl explained.

The ICTA chairman pointed out that collectors, interested individuals, and organizations can now support the task force's work through tax-deductible contributions of cash or coins.

In January ICTA teamed with Heritage Auctions to sell donated coins via Heritage's weekly internet coin auctions. Heritage will donate its auction services and 120 percent of the proceeds from the sale of each donated coin will be transmitted directly to the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Fund.

ICTA will act as the consignor of record and will accept donations of PCGS, NGC and ANACS certified U.S., world and ancient coins. (No paper money

will be accepted for the weekly auctions.)

The minimum value of donated coins has been set at $250 each.

ICTA Chief Operating Officer David Crenshaw and other ICTA staff will be attending major coin shows in 2018 to receive donated coins. Coins received by ICTA at a show will be inventoried onsite. Also, donated coins may be shipped to ICTA, Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019. All donated coins must be accompanied ba a completed and signed donation form. (The form is at ICTA's website: www.ictaonline.org > ACTF > Auction Donation Form)

Convention presentation

At 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, ICTA officials Kathy McFadden and David Crenshaw will give a program in Nirvana C of the Schaumburg Convention Center: *State and National Legislative and Regulatory Update; ICTA Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force Update.*

Donors who choose to ship directly to ICTA will be responsible for insurance and shipping expenses. ICTA will be responsible for insurance and shipping expenses from shows and to Heritage.

The donated coins will be identified as helping to advance the work of the task force. They will be offered in Heritage weekly internet auctions in consignment tranches of at least $25,000. All donated coins will be sold unreserved in Heritage's weekly sales; thus, there will be no unsold lots.

ICTA appoints six to nonprofit foundation board

The Board of Directors of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets has appointed six industry leaders to guide the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation (ACEF), the nonprofit organization recently formed to receive contributions to support the work of its Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force.

Spitzer

Scott Spitzer, chief executive officer of Manfra, Tordella & Brookes, Inc., will serve as president. Officers joining him will be Gary Linthicum of Universal Coin and Bullion, who will serve as vice president; Greg Allen of Greg Allen Coins as secretary; and Philip N. Diehl of U.S. Money Reserve as treasurer. Other board members include Robert Brueggeman, executive director of the Professional Numismatist Guild; Larry Baber, treasurer of the American Numismatic Association, and Robert Harwell of Hancock & Harwell Rare Coins.

The foundation's board of directors will review project proposals from ACTF to ensure that they are covered under IRS 501(c)(3) regulations.

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Ogden Nash[i]

By Steven M. Bieda
(CSNS member)

As a state senator, I often visit schools, churches and youth groups in my district as well as around the state. At these events, it is quite common to engage in "question and answer" formats, and in addition to the typical questions related to my job, some of the kids, particularly the younger ones, often ask me some off-the-wall questions. A favorite one of second and third graders is: "If you could be an animal, what kind of animal would you like to be?" And when I get that question – well….I answer, a coelacanth – which usually results in quizzical looks. I'm sure more than a couple adults, including many reading this article, would think the same thing.

The coelacanth, (pronounced See-la-Kanth), is a prehistoric fish that became the marvel of the modern world when a recently-living specimen was discovered in 1938. Prior to that time it was thought to have been extinct for about 65-75 million years, becoming extinct in the late Cretaceous period, which was about the same time the dinosaurs went extinct. Even more remarkable, this "living fossil" is the sole remaining member of a taxon otherwise known only from fossils, with no close relations alive. Many scientists believe that the unique characteristics of the coelacanth; particularly the fleshy protrusions distinctive of lobed finned fish, or sarcopterygians, represent an early step in the evolution of fish to terrestrial, four-legged amphibians. At one time in the

prehistoric past, water-dwelling sarcopterygians were quite common in the oceans of the world, today sarcopterygians are very rare – only eight species are known to exist. But this species is very important in understanding where life on land came from, and here, the coelacanth has a very significant role to play.

This fascinating denizen of the deep, thought to have survived in its current form for over 400 million years, has been the subject of a handful of coins and paper money issues from around the world, and considering that it's my chosen animal to return as, (I prefer not to think of it as a living fossil, but a persistent survivor) I started a topical coin and currency collection featuring the coelacanth[ii] a number of years ago. This article will examine the handful of world coin and paper money issues along with a brief history of this amazing and rare fish.

Re-emerging from the depths - discovery

In 1938, three days before Christmas, on a hot and humid day in East London, South Africa, Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer, (Feb. 24, 1907 – May 17, 2004) a young curator of a small South African museum spotted an odd looking fish of a fishing trawler's deck.[iii] The fish was 5 feet long, with steel-blue scales, luminescent eyes, and remarkable limblike fins. Courtenay-Latimer was not a trained ichthyologist, but she was certainly knowledgeable in the field as a naturalist. She recognized the significance of this unusual find and tried valiantly to secure refrigeration to preserve this specimen. But, despite her herculean efforts, with the aid of a taxidermist, she was only able to preserve the skin and a few bones and draw a thumbnail sketch of this find.[iv]

The find though, triggered the interest of an amateur ichthyologist, James Leonard Brierley Smith, aka J.L.B. Smith (Oct. 26, 1897 – Jan. 8, 1968) who recognized the sketch as a coelacanth, a creature known from fossils dating back 400 million years and thought to have died out with the dinosaurs. The discovery was dubbed the "greatest scientific find of the century," and the fish was ultimately given the scientific name Latimeria chalumnae, with the genus "Latimeria" in honor of Courtenay-Latimer. Smith ultimately devoted his life to the search for a complete specimen, a 14-year odyssey that culminated in a dramatic act of what some have termed "international piracy."

Numismatists searching for a hard-to-find date or variety might appreciate the quest of Smith and Courtenay-Latimer. The duo printed thousands of leaflets in French and Portuguese with the picture of the coelacanth and the offer of a large reward and distributed them up and down the East African coast by every possible means. In December 1952, after a number of false leads and dead ends, Smith acquired another specimen which had been caught off the Comoro Islands, then a French overseas territory. A local trader had cabled Smith, who in turn persuaded the South African government to fly him in a South African Air Force Dakota to collect the preserved fish for study in Grahamstown.

The discovery of the 1952 specimen splashed the coelacanth and the Comoros over the news wires and the global lexicon of the day. The international attention caught the interest of the French public and press. The French, perhaps understandably, took umbrage over what they saw as Smith's dramatic appropriation of what they saw as a "French" fish, with the French governor coming into considerable criticism for allowing Smith to whisk the fish from French territorial waters. Paris newspapers bristled with furious articles railing against the "theft" of the coelacanth. The anti-Smith sentiment ultimately resulted in the French refusing Smith permission to return to the Comoros. Public agitation was such that the French government was urged to demand the return of the coelacanth, and while this didn't happen, on Nov. 9, 1953, France issued an edict: Only French scientists were allowed to search for the coelacanth of the French Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean between Mozambique and Madagascar, for the rest of the year.

With the French monopoly, the French, who originally underestimated the excitement that the capture of the coelacanth would generate among both the public and the scientific community, made up for lost time. A number of coelacanth were caught, starting in 1953, and yearly thereafter. By 1960 enough had been caught for scientific research, with subsequent specimens being distributed to museums around the world. By 1963, the French decided that they had enough examples to work with, and handed over the distribution of further fish to the Comoran authorities. Comoran authorities, understandably, took great national pride in coelacanth, with the rare fish becoming a cultural symbol on Comoran coins, stamps and banknotes.

In 1998, a different species of coelacanth was discovered in the waters of Indonesia, 6,000 miles from the ancestral habitat of Madagascar and the Comoro Islands. DNA analysis determined that this was a different species,now commonly called the Indonesian coelacanth (Latimeria menadoensis). This separate species was discovered by American marine biologist Mark Erdmann while on his destination wedding and honeymoon. On the final day of his trip, Erdmann visited an Indonesian fish market, and reminiscent of the initial discovery in a South African fish market in 1938, Erdmann discovered a coelacanth in a fish cart.

The coelacanth has appeared on a small number of circulating coin and paper money issues. Its discovery in 1938 tickled the imaginations of people around the world. Indeed, the discovery of ancient animal conjured up all kinds of theories about other rumored creatures. Thus, it's not uncommon to hear proponents of the existence of the Loch Ness Monster, or Big Foot, use the example of the discovery of the coelacanth in justification of their position.

The first coins depicting the coelacanth appeared not long after the 1952 discovery. Comoros, a French colony that achieved independence in 1975, issued several notes and circulating coins as well as a commemorative gold coin featuring the coelacanth.

The first circulating issues included a coelacanth as part of a greater depiction of Comoran life on land, sea and air. Two 1964 coins, denominated as 10 and 20 francs with catalog numbers of Krause-Mishler 7 and KM-8, respectfully, are composed of aluminum-bronze and include a depiction of a coelacanth below the denomination on the reverse. These coins saw large mintages of 600,000 for the 10-franc and 500,000 for the 20-franc denominations. As the mintages would attest, these coins are readily available in the marketplace with a modest amount of searching.

A coelacanth swims beneath the denomination on this 1964 Comoros 10-franc piece. The aluminum-bronze coin, the first to show one of the creatures, is readily available in the marketplace.

Comoros issued another circulating coin in 1984. Reflective of the economy and demand for coinage in Comoros, the 5-franc piece was struck for two years, in 1984 and 1992, and is designated as KM-15. Unlike the 1964 coinage issue, on this issue the coelacanth is the central design element appearing on the obverse. The coin was issued in aluminum and bears the legend CONFERENCE MONDIALE SUR LES PECHES (World Conference on Fisheries). It is 31 mm and has a smooth edge. *The Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1900* by Chester Krause and Clifford Mishler lists mintage at 1 million for the 1984 issue, with the mintage for the 1992 issue not being listed. A special essais version, listed as E9, was issued in 1984. It has a mintage of 1,700.

In 1984 and 1992, Comoros issued aluminum 5-franc pieces showing a coelacanth on the reverse.

Two denominations of Banque Centrale des Comores circulating notes feature the coelacanth. A series 1976 5,000 franc-note, designated Pick 9 in the *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money Modern Issues 1961-Present* by George S. Cuhaj, and a similar note, issued in 1984, designated as P-12, show portions of four coelacanths seemingly cascading from the left side of the portrait frame of President Said Mohammed Djohar to the left corner of the note. The later note, with minor variations on the signature titles, is designated P-12a and 12b. Surprisingly, for modern issues, these notes are fairly elusive in higher grades, with certified examples trading in the $80-$130 range. This beautiful note measures 6 ¼ by 3 ¼ inches.

Above: ***Four coelacanths swim on the front of this 1984 5,000-franc note.***

Left: ***Detail of the bill's lower left corner.***

A second issue, a 1,000-franc note issued in 2005, won the International Bank Note Society's Banknote of the Year award in 2007. It has a stunningly beautiful depiction of a coelacanth on the front. This note, which celebrates the discovery of the coelacanth, is predominantly blue, with some red and green elements, along with an impressive array of security features. The note measures 2 ¼ by 5 inches and is designated P-16. It is commonly encountered on online auction sites in the $6-$10 range.

The African nation of Mozambique also issued a circulating coin in 2006 depicting a stylized coelacanth and denominated as 2 meticais. This coin, KM-138, is composed of nickel-plated steel with a diameter of 24 mm and segmented reeding. As of the most recent Krause listing, the mintage is not recorded and it appears to have only been minted in 2006. Mozambique has the distinction of having recorded the largest known coelacanth when one was caught off the coast near the provincial capital Quelimane.

Special issues

In addition to circulating coin and currency issues, Comoros also issued a gold commemorative coin in 1976 in the denomination of 20,000 francs. Designated as KM-12, the coin consists of 6.140 grams of .900 gold, .1776 AGW. The reverse depicts a coelacanth, with a portrait of Comoros political leader Said Mohamed Cheikh on the obverse. It took me over two years to find an example of this attractive coin, which occasionally appears on Internet auction sites and dealer inventories. This coin was struck in both proof and specimen quality, with mintages recorded at 500 pieces for the proof and 500 for the uncirculated (specimen) option.

In 1976 Comoros issued this gold 20,000-franc piece featuring a coelacanth on the reverse.

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Living and fossilized coelacanths are pictured on this scarce 1998 South African 2 rand gold coin.

The rarest and in my opinion the most beautiful coin featuring a coelacanth is a 1998 gold commemorative 2 rand coin issued by South Africa commemorating the 60 anniversary of the discovery of the coelacanth. This coin, KM#-180, measuring 22 mm, and composed of .9999 fine gold, .2500 AGW, had a mintage limit of 500, or which only 386 were produced. Ironically, the coin was issued and released at approximately the same time as the capture of the Indonesian coelacanth almost 6,000 miles away. The special release ceremony, organized by the South African Mint included Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer, then a sprightly 91. This beautiful coin depicts a live coelacanth above a depiction of a fossilized image of a coelacanth imbedded in sedimentary rock.

South Africa issued a second collector coin depicting a coelacanth, (actually two coelacanths), in 2013. This reeded silver coin, is composed of .925 percent silver, 32.7 mm, with a mintage of 1,000 and carries the 10 cent denomination. This silver coin was issued in proof only, and was offered as part of a one-year series of coins, all depicting sea life. This one features a three-quarters view of two coelacanths. The most recent edition of Krause does not list this particular coin yet.

This silver 2013 South African 10-cent piece has a mintage of just 1,000.

Another coin occasionally encountered is a 38 mm noncirculating commemorative issued in 2001 by the Republic of Zambia. This collector coin is composed of .999 fine silver, weighs 19.5 grams, with an ASW of .6424 ounces. The reeded-edge coin, KM-111, carries the denomination of 4,000 kwacha, and shows a coelacanth as the central design element of the reverse, along with the legend, PATRONS OF THE OCEAN. The connection of Zambia with the coelacanth is open to question, considering that Zambia is a landlocked country in southern Africa. Zambia issued several ocean-themed commemorative coins in 2001, and this coin was part of the series. The Zambian coin is the largest of all the coins depicting the coelacanth and is generally encountered on online auction sites such as eBay with moderate difficulty.

A coelacanth swims alongside* Le Redoutable *submarine on this 2014 French commemorative 10 euro.

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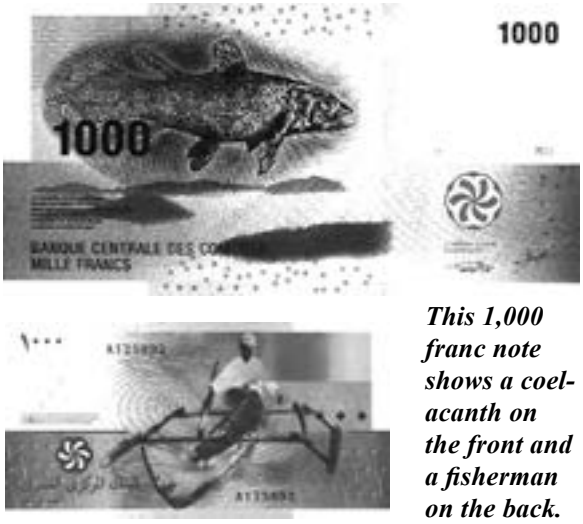

This 1,000 franc note shows a coelacanth on the front and a fisherman on the back.

Another large silver coin depicting the coelacanth was offered to collectors in 2014 by France. Perhaps still smarting over Afrikaner J.L.B. Smith's discovery and whisking out of the French Comoro Islands of the 1952 specimen, or maybe reminiscing over the plethora of coelacanths subsequently caught by the French during its nearly decade-long monopoly on the fish, in 2014 France issued a handsome 37 mm, .900 silver proof 10 euro commemorative coin that was part of a series celebrating great French ships. This particular coin honored *Le Redoutable* (The Fearsome) a ballistic missile submarine, the first of its kind built in France. Of interest to this article, featured prominently on this noncirculating commemorative coin, is a three-quarters view of the submarine, (the main subject of this coin), with a coelacanth prominently featured at the bow, giving the appearance of it racing aside the bow of the submarine. This attractive noncirculating coin, KM-2158, was struck at the Paris Mint and had a total mintage of 5,000.

Conclusion

With the 80th anniversary of the discovery of a recently living coelacanth on the horizon, its quite possible that the numismatic world may see additional coins or notes issued to celebrate this remarkable, rare and interesting fish. In any event, the coelacanth, often referred to as a living fossil, is a fascinating animal with a fascinating history. Appearing on a handful of world coin and currency issues, it makes for a challenging and interesting subject for a collector assembling a topical coin and paper money set.

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Footnotes

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[ii] In 1839, the Swiss-American scientist, Louis Agassiz, had described the fossil of an unusual fish tail found in a road cutting through the Permian marl slate of Durham in the north of England. He noted the fin rays supporting the tail were hollow, and as a result, coined the name coelacanthus (from the Greek for hollow spine) granulaturs (after the tubercular cornamentation on the surface of its scales.) pages 21-22.

[iii] Fossil records subsequently have shown coelacanth specimens from excavations around the world; including the United States, Germany, England, China, Brazil, Madagascar and Greenland.

[iv] Marjorie Courtney-Latimer was ultimately recognized and honored by having the coelacanth's Latin name – Latimeria chalumnae in her honor.

Landlocked Zambia issued the largest coin to depict a coelacanth. The 2001 4,000 kwacha piece measures 38 mm.

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From *The Centinel* archive, Spring 1978

Little Chance For Chicago U.S. Mint

Illinois Congressman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) admits the issue of a Midwest Mint, which he raised a half- dozen years ago, is dead now but could still be revived.

"There was tremendous sentiment for a mint in the Chicago area at the time I proposed the issue in Congress,but since the remodeling of the San Francisco facilities the pressure from the public and business communities is not there anymore." ***Retrieved from the Newman Numismatic Portal –nnp.wustl.edu***

State senator recognizes coin release

By Sen. Steven M. Bieda
Michigan state senator

Michigan Senate floor statement delivered Feb. 6, 2018, on the release of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore quarter dollar.

I would like to take this time to recognize the release of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Quarter, honoring one of Michigan's most spectacular natural wonders.

Part of the United States Mint's America the Beautiful Quarters Program, the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore quarter is the first of the 2018 entries in a 56-coin series recognizing national parks and sites the nation over.

Perhaps the most famous national park in Michigan, Pictured Rocks is a natural choice for the America the Beautiful Program. Lush trails lead through serene hardwood forests and pristine beaches approach the towering sandstone cliffs that give the park its name. Natural caves allow kayaks to glide under spectacular rock formations while peaceful rivers wind slowly towards roaring waterfalls feeding into Lake Superior.

Half a million people journey to Pictured Rocks every year to experience the quiet awe of one of Michigan's treasures. They are able to do so any time, for free. National parks and lakeshores are public trusts, the common inheritance of all Americans. They have been dubbed America's Best Idea, one that has been replicated the world over, a set of 417 crown jewels belonging to the American people. These monuments are places of majesty and peace, where we can relocate the better angels of our nature.

One of the pioneers of our national park system, President Theodore Roosevelt, gave a speech in which he said "Of all the questions which can come before this nation there isn't one which compares in importance with the central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." President Roosevelt feared that the American birthright would be tarnished by those with no thought of those who would come tomorrow. Now, we see proposals to raise the price of admittance, shrink monuments and parks, and allow our national heritage to be despoiled for the benefit of a few.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is but one of the parks in Michigan. We must preserve the legacy of our forefathers and pass it on to our children, who will take on the mantle of stewardship. I call upon my colleagues and upon the United States Congress to take the lead in ensuring that America's Best Idea is preserved.

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Topical collecting

A Herd of Buffalo (Bison)

By Steven Drake

This herd of buffalo can be found on the range of circulating, commemorative and bullion coins. Collecting coins with buffalo would make a nice topical collection or exhibit.

On May 9, 2016, President Obama signed the National Legacy Act into law, making the bison the national mammal. Many people call the bison the "American buffalo."

Just a little background on the bison. The bison is the largest mammal in North America. It has lived in Yellowstone National Park area since prehistoric times. The animal can run as fast as 35 mph and can live up to 20 years. When viewing a live bison, if the tail is down and blowing in the wind, the animal is calm; if the tail is up, you better watch out!

Circulating coins

One of the favorite coins of collectors is the Buffalo nickel, designed by James Earle Fraser. The coin was minted from 1913 to 1938. According to David W. Lange's book, *The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels*, there is no record of why the motto IN GOD WE TRUST was not included on the coin. This was the last United States coin not to carry the motto. It was noted that Mr. Fraser did not want a lot of lettering on his design. In 1913 there were two varieties of the Buffalo nickel. The first variety shows a buffalo on a raised mound, with FIVE CENTS slightly off center to the right at the bottom of the coin. The second variety shows a thinner base and a straight line with FIVE CENTS centered at the bottom of the coin. Chief Engraver of the Mint Charles E. Barber was the person who redesigned the coin by lowering FIVE CENTS because the area had a problem of wearing the denomination too fast.

In 2004-2005, The Westward Journey Nickel Series was produced. The Westward Journey Nickel Series commemorates the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Westward Journey Nickel Series had four different coin designs - two in 2004 and two in 2005. The buffalo made its appearance on the first nickel issued in 2005. The obverse of the coin is also a 1-year issue.

The obverse is titled by the U.S. Mint, "President Jefferson and Handwritten Liberty." The LIBERTY inscription on the coin is based on President Thomas Jefferson's own handwriting. The design is based on a 1789 marble bust of Jefferson by the French sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon. The obverse

design was created by Joe Fitzgerald, with Mint sculptor-engraver Don Everhart doing the sculpting.

The reverse of the coin is called "American Buffalo," recognizing the wildlife encountered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The animal was of great significance to many American Indian tribes. The reverse of the coin was designed by Jamie Franki and sculpted by Mint sculptor-engraver Norman Nemeth.

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The 1913 Buffalo nickel, designed by James Earle Fraser, was the first U.S. coin to show a bison.

The first buffalo on a quarter was issued for Kansas, the 34th state. Kansas became a state Jan. 19, 1861. The Kansas quarter was the fourth quarter issued in 2005 in the State Quarter program. The U .S. Mint had a ceremony at the State Fair in Hutchinson to launch it Sept. 9. The reverse features a bison and a sunflower, which are the state's animal and flower. Nemeth was the engraver.

The second buffalo quarter came in 2006, about a year after the Kansas quarter. This quarter represents North Dakota the 39th state. North Dakota became a state on Nov. 2, 1889. The launch ceremony took place at the Civic Center in Bismarck on Aug. 30. The reverse of the quarter features two bison grazing in the North Dakota Badlands as the sun sets. Donna Weaver was the engraver.

The Mint's America the Beautiful quarter program produced a coin with a bull bison in the foreground and Old Faithful geyser in the background. The inscriptions on the coin are YELLOWSTONE, WYOMING, 2010, and E PLURIBUS UNUM. Yellowstone Park was established March 1, 1872, as a national park, the first in the country and the first in the world. The Mint had a launch ceremony June 3 in front of Old Faithful. Don Everhart was the designer and engraver.

The 2005 Kansas quarter, left, featured a lone buffalo. The 2006 North Dakota coin shows a pair grazing in the Badlands.

Commemorative coins

In 1991, the buffalo made its first appearance on a commemorative coin. The Mint issued three coins (copper-nickel half dollar, silver dollar, and a $5 gold piece) marking the golden anniversary of Mt. Rushmore. Only, the half dollar had a buffalo on it. Slightly less than a million half dollars were minted out of 2.5 million authorized. The obverse. designed by Marcel Jovine, featured the carving of the four presidents with a sunburst in the background. The reverse features an American bison with GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY above the bison by T. James Ferrell. Uncirculated coins were minted at Denver and proofs at San Francisco.

A large bison commands the reverse of the 1991 Mt. Rushmore golden anniversary commemorative half dollar.

In 1999, the Mint issued a commemorate silver dollar honoring the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Yellowstone National Park. Actually, the 125th anniversary was in 1997; so this coin was struck two years late. About 270,000 out of the 500,000 authorized were sold. The obverse, designed by Edgar Z. Steever IV, featured a geyser with a tree-lined landscape in the background. The reverse designer was William C. Cousins. The reverse was adapted from the U.S. Department of Interior's seal, and shows the American buffalo on the plains with the sun rising above mountains in the background. All uncirculated and proof coins were minted at Philadelphia.

The American Buffalo silver dollar was minted in 2001. After years of introducing various bills, calling for reviving James Earle Fraser's design of the buffalo nickel on coinage, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado was able to get a commemorative dollar struck. The design was modified a little. On the reverse, E PLURIBUS UNUM was moved from above the buffalo's back to underneath the buffalo's head. The motto, IN GOD WE TRUST, which was not on the nickel, was added below UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on the upper rim. Also ONE DOLLAR replaced FIVE CENTS. The American Buffalo silver dollar was one of the most popular commemorative coins issued. All 500,000 coins authorized were sold. Uncirculated coins were minted at Denver and proofs at Philadelphia.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, the Mint issued a trio of coins with a buffalo on them. Each coin's reverse displays the National Park's arrowhead logo, which contains a bison in the design. The obverse of the half dollar was designed by Barber Fox and the sculpting was done by Mint sculptor-engraver Michaell Gaudioso. The design shows a hiker discovering the beauty of the wildness and a small frog hiding in the ferns. The reverse design of the National Park logo was designed by Thomas Hipschen.

The sculpting was done by Mint sculptor-engraver Charles L. Vickers. Uncirculated half dollars were struck at Denver, while proofs were struck at San Francisco.

The National Park Service silver dollar contains a bison on each side. The obverse depicts a bison and Yellowstone Park's Old Faithful. The design and sculpting was done by Mint sculptor-engraver Joseph Menna. The reverse depicts the National Park's logo and a Latina folklorico dancer, representing the multi-faceted cultural experience found in the national parks. The reverse was designed by Chris Costello and Mint sculptor-engraver Jim Licaretz. The coins were struck at the Philadelphia Mint.

The obverse of the National Park Service $5 gold coin depicts naturalist John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt, with Yosemite National Park's Half Dome in the background. The gold coin was designed and sculpted by Everhart and struck at the West Point Mint.

Bullion coins

In 2005, Congress authorized the American Buffalo gold bullion coins of James Earle Fraser's design. The American Buffalo gold coins are the first 24-karat (.9999 fine) coins struck by the U .S. Mint. The 1-ounce $50 dollar gold coin has been struck every year since 2006. In 2008, the Mint also struck a 1/10 ounce $5 coin, a 1/4 ounce $10 coin, and a 1/2 ounce $25 ounce coin. The design was modified from the nickel and the American Buffalo silver dollar. On the reverse, E PLURIBUS UNUM was placed where it was on the nickel, above the back of the buffalo; and IN GOD WE TRUST is underneath the buffalo's head. Also, the denomination is $50 with 1 OZ. .9999 FINE GOLD above the lower rim. All coins were minted at West Point . The uncirculated coins do not carry a mint mark. The burnished and proof coins have the W mint mark. In various years, a person can find the gold buffalo in uncirculated, burnished, proof and reverse-proof finishes.

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THE 1793 HALF CENT

By R.W. Julian

One of the more interesting denominations struck by the early Philadelphia Mint was the half cent. First made in July 1793, it remained a staple in the American marketplace for more than 60 years, the last pieces falling from the coining press in early 1857.

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Gouverneur Morris' 1783 pattern coinage included a 5-unit piece worth about a third of a cent, settting precedent for what would become the half cent.

The hesitant beginning of the half cent can be traced to Gouverneur Morris in the early 1780s. He was an aide to Robert Morris (no relation), the finance minister of the Confederation government. In 1782 Congress had requested that the Treasury prepare a report on the value of foreign coins used in this country.

Gouverneur Morris took this opportunity to prepare a plan for a new system of coinage. He looked at the differing values given by the various states to the Spanish dollar and decided that the time had come to abolish the old and bring in the new.

His proposal called for the Spanish dollar to be worth 1,440 units; Morris did not name his new unit though he did give names to some of the proposed coins. No name was given to the one copper piece that was struck in 1783 as a pattern coin: the 5–unit piece.

Morris' 5–unit coin was worth, in modern terms, about 3.5 mills, a cent being equal to 10 mills. The precedent of a small copper coin had thus been made and would in due course bear fruit in 1793 as the half cent.

The pattern coinage of 1783 came to nothing, but in 1784 newly elected Congressman Thomas Jefferson obtained a copy of the Morris scheme. Jefferson decided that the Morris plan was flawed because the Spanish dollar alone was not directly the basis of the new system.

The Morris plan, however, did contain the germ of the later U.S. coinage system: it was decimal. Jefferson took this basic idea and carried it to its logical conclusion by devising a completely decimal system of coinage based entirely on the Spanish dollar.

Jefferson proposed only one copper coin, to be one-hundredth of a dollar. (The word cent was not devised for this coin until August 1786, although Morris had earlier used the name for his 100–unit silver coin.) In 1786 Congress debated the Jefferson coinage proposals and added the half cent to the list of coins.

The 1786 plan for a mint and coinage also foundered because there was no money in the Treasury. The Confederation government of the 1780s was dependent for funds on the good will of the states and, when it came to money, there was very little good will.

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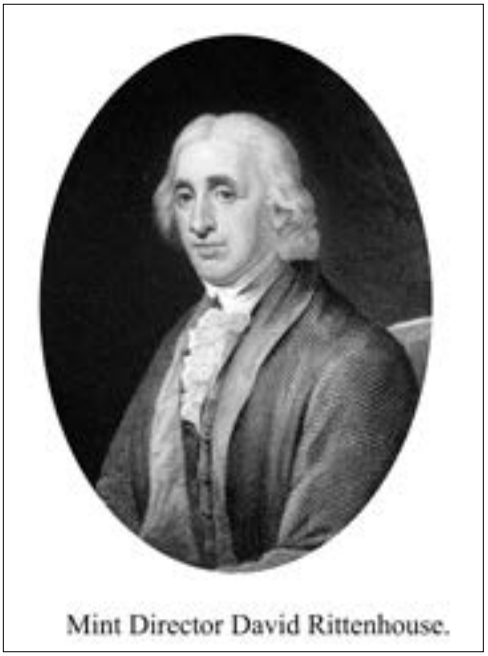
Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton suggested the copper half cent, which Congress incorporated into the Mint Act of 1792.

Realizing that the country needed a strong central government, the 1787 Constitutional Convention forged a document that has stood the test of time. The Constitution took effect in April 1789 with the inauguration of President George Washington. By early 1790 there were sufficient complaints that the House of Representatives asked Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton to prepare a report on a mint and coinage.

Hamilton's report was sent to Congress in late January 1791. Congress then passed a joint resolution, on March 3, 1791, that President Washington should arrange that a mint be erected and the necessary workmen employed.

The president soon realized that Congress had put the cart before the horse and in October 1791 told the legislators that it was their job to prepare monetary legislation, not his. The Senate agreed and a committee was appointed to prepare the necessary bill.

Hamilton had suggested, based on the 1786 Confederation law, that there be a copper half cent. He thought that it ought to contain nearly one-half cent worth of copper, the only consideration being the expenses of striking and distribution. Congress agreed with his overall philosophy, because the new mint law of April 1792 authorized a half cent weighing 132 grains (8.55 grams).



Mint Director David Rittenhouse ordered Chief Coiner Henry Voight to prepare to coin half cents in 1793.

In July 1792 the first mint director, David Rittenhouse, requested permission from the president to coin several denominations, including the half cent. The authority was granted but only the half disme was struck in quantity. No half cent dies were prepared in 1792.

In late 1792, due to political upheavals in Europe, the price of copper began to rise until the amount of copper in the cent and half cent was more than face value. In response Director Rittenhouse asked that the weights of the copper coins be reduced.

In mid-January 1793 Congress passed a law, which set the weight of the half cent at 104 grains (6.74 grams). This was low enough that copper coinage could now begin and not be issued at a loss. In late February 1793 the first cent pieces, at 208 grains, were coined, but nothing was done at that time about the half cent.

Finally, in April 1793, Rittenhouse directed that the coiner prepare to strike half cents. More than 30,000 blanks were made; this batch of planchets was finished during May 1793 but nothing was then done for more than two months.

One would think that coinage would have begun immediately after the blanks had been prepared but the problem was with the dies, not the planchets. There had been public dissatisfaction with the chain design for the first cents and the succeeding wreath design, first struck in April 1793, was not all that much better. Rather than strike coins which would lead to ridicule and sarcasm on the part of the public, the Mint did nothing.

Because there was no formal engraver at the Mint during 1792 and the early part of 1793, Chief Coiner Henry Voight had reluctantly volunteered his services as engraver. A watchmaker by trade, he had been born in Pennsylvania but had lived in Germany for several years, working at the Saxe-Gotha Mint.

Voight was not quite what the government had in mind for long-term engraving work and they searched for a competent replacement. They were unable at that time to find a suitable person to replace Voight, however, leaving no choice in the matter of half-cent dies.

Judging by the finished product, it is likely that the bust of Liberty on the Libertas Americana medal, executed by order of Benjamin Franklin in the early 1780s at the Paris Mint, was used on the obverse of the half cent. For the reverse, Voight used a standard wreath enclosing the denomination.

Precisely when Voight began work on the half-cent dies is unknown, but likely in late June or early July 1793. He executed the obverse head of Liberty, as well as the reverse wreath, but the lettering was done by Jacob Bay, a coining department employee.

The dies were soon completed, and coinage began on July 18. Minting also took place on the following day as well as the 22nd through the 25th. By the 26th the chief coiner had struck and delivered 31,934 half cents.

That it took six days to strike the nearly 32,000 half cents is not surprising; in 1793 a coining press produced only about 6,000 coins per day. The planchets had to be hand fed into the press, a relatively slow process. (In 1795 feeding tubes were introduced and more than 10,000 coins per day were possible.) In mid-September an additional 3,400 half cents were minted, making a total of 35,334 pieces struck during 1793.

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The Libertas Americana medal, top, likely served as the model for Liberty on the first half cents coined July 18, 1793.

There is today a great demand for the 1793 half cent, as it is necessary for a complete type set of United States coins. Those collectors owning one of these coins truly have a piece of Mint history.

About the author

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Milwaukee County Transit System

The end of an era

By Tom Casper

After 86 years of paying for Milwaukee streetcar and bus rides using passes, transfers and tickets, it came to an end on Feb. 28, 2016. These prior forms of payment have been replaced by a plastic, electronic "M Card."

In the late 19th century a ride on a horse-drawn streetcar could be had for one token. The Westside Railway Co., incorporated in 1874, pictured a horsecar on its token. Soon after, cardboard tickets were also issued and used for fares.

But 1930 brought about a significant change. Tokens were no longer used. The weekly bus pass was created along with paper transfers. For the next 86 years weekly passes, transfers and tickets would be the mainstay for daily riders. Cash and tickets continued to be accepted. Riders using passes would carry them in special holders made of plastic or leather with some carrying merchant advertising. The holders prevented damage to the pass when carried in a pocket or purse.

Westside Railway Co. tokens featured a horse-drawn streetcar.

The bus passes were produced by the in-house print shop of the Milwaukee transport company. Artists created a different bus pass each week, with dates it was good for. The early passes were plain but colorful, with some mentioning the major holidays. In the beginning of 1932 the passes carried a weekly pass number. The pass for May 22 to May 28, 1932, number 21, was the first example I found with advertising. It pictured a lion with the caption, "Visit the Zoo". (The zoo at that time was in Washington Park). Later that year on the pass from Nov. 6 to 12, number 45, pictured a chrysanthemum with the title, "Chrysanthemum Show". From 1932 to the end the passes promoted charitable and non-profit organizations and community events occurring in Milwaukee.

During World War II, starting in 1942, a number of the passes carried military themes. The June 14 to 20 pass showed a Marine with the caption "Join the Fighting U.S. Marines." The following week's pass pictured a pilot with the saying "To Victory, U.S. Army Air Corps." After the war ended, the Oct. 28 to Nov. 3, 1945, pass pictured the U.S. Armed Forces Honorable Service Emblem, better known as the "ruptured duck"

Other organizations and events seen on the passes include Community War Chest, YMCA membership drive, Keep the Red Cross at His Side, Save a Life-Donate Blood, Prevent Forest Fires, Buy War Bonds on Payroll Plan, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Week. In more modern times the passes pictured the Schlitz Circus Parade, World Port of Milwaukee, National Polo Tournament, Downtown Christmas Parade, Summerfest, Boerner Botanical Gardens, and Milwaukee's Junior Miss Pageant. In 1980 the South Shore Coin Club advertised its annual coin show on the March 30 – April 5 pass.

A collector set of passes issued at the end of the era replicated designs from the 1930s and '40s.

The Milwaukee County Transit System issued a lot more for us collectors. Monthly passes, school passes, reduced fare passes, commuter passes, university student passes, commemorative passes and tickets were also used.

The reverse of the very last weekly pass reproduced the first city's first bus pass issued in 1930.

To commemorate the ending of paper passes, transfers and tickets, the Milwaukee County Transit System issued a collector's set of four passes in February, 2016. The designs were similar to passes from the 1930s and 1940's. The last pass, No. 8, from February 21-28, 2016, pictured, on the back, the very first bus pass from 1930. These souvenir passes were sold for $10 for the set of 4.

The M Card electonic payment system replaced tickets, transfers and passes.

The weekly passes have provided us with a snapshot of Milwaukee history for the past 86 years. With the end of passes, I think more people may try to get the complete set or 4,472 passes to go with their collection of transportation tokens.

***Tom Casper, who heads security at Central States conventions, wrote about Milwaukee's earliest coin dealer in the Spring 2017 issue of* The Centinel.**

Exonumia challenge

Spinner determined who bought the booze

By Phil Blette

Spinner tokens appear to have originated around the time of Prohibition. The concept of the spinner is that one side, normally the obverse, has a raised dot and the other side, normally the reverse, has an arrow.

The side with the dot on it is placed face down on a table, counter or board. The piece is then given a spin and whoever is sitting in the spot where the arrow is pointing when the spinning stops is the winner, or looser, depending on your perspective and the wording on the spinner.

Before and shortly after Prohibition, distilleries issued spinners. Salesmen would commonly distribute them in bars, where they were handed out as advertising.

For those spinners, the arrow determines who pays for a round of drinks. The typical wording on the reverse said ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES WHERE SHE STOPS NOBODY KNOWS. Inside the arrow, it said YOUR TURN, ALL RIGHT …YOU PAY, or, more bluntly, the single word BUY. The wording on the obverse would simply promote whoever was paying for production of the spinners. Frequently the name of the distillery was preceded with the phrase, YOU ALWAYS WIN WITH…

Since Prohibition ended in 1933, other businesses and companies have issued spinners. The spinner that I have was issued to advertise the Horn Manufacturing Co. of Fort Dodge, IA.

Horn's founder, Paul Horn, emigrated from Germany in 1902 and located in Fort Dodge, IA. He began work at the Fort Dodge Planing Mill and stayed there until 1904, when he got married and moved to Minneapolis for 4 years. After he returned to Fort Dodge, he founded the Paul Horn Cabinet Works in 1909, which was later incorporated into the Horn Manufacturing Co.

Spring 1949 Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog

After World War II, the company began manufacturing a steel wagon box for farm use. It was so popular that Sears, Roebuck and Co. came to Fort Dodge to look at and test the new grain wagons. Sears was impressed and signed a contract to purchase a large number of the new all-steel, flare-type 570-pound wagon boxes for their 1946 catalogue and priced them at $91.90 each.

The wagon boxes proved to be so popular that Sears renewed the contract and ultimately bought 10,000 boxes per year for several years. In 1947, the loader became known as the "Horn-Draulic Loader" as it grew in popularity.

I can't precisely date the Spinner, but it seems to be produced between 1948 and 1950, as it features the words "HORN-DRAULIC LOADERS" prominently on the obverse.

The company became a subsidiary of AVCO Manufacturing Corp. in 1951.

Spinners are still popular and continue to be manufactured today. I found a Kick-Starter project that was started to fund a new one - Tempus Spin Coin

The KickStarter for the J.L. Lawson & Co. project was successful, as you can buy one online from the Joshua Tree, CA, company for $42 (bronze) to $89 (silver).

Horn Manufacturing Co. spinner, circa 1950. Spinners pivot on a central dimple.

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About the author

I started collecting coins back in the early '60's around age 7 or 8. I'd wait for my dad to get home from work and he'd take me to the bank three or four times a week where I'd exchange rolls of pennies. By going through the rolls, I was able to fill every hole from 1909 on except the '09-S VDB. The hobby got put on hold when I started high school. I didn't get back into it in a serious manner until the mid-1980s. Since then, I've worked on upgrading the Morgan dollar collection my dad had started. My current focus is on Seated Liberty coinage and Indian Head cents. I've attended the Central States show every year for the past 10 years. I am a member of the ANA, CSNS, Fly-In Club and the LSCC (Liberty Seated Collectos Club). I retired in 2016 after working for 30+ years in information technology. I'm married to LeeAnna Blette, who joins me at most of the coin shows to keep me from spending all our retirement funds. We have three children.

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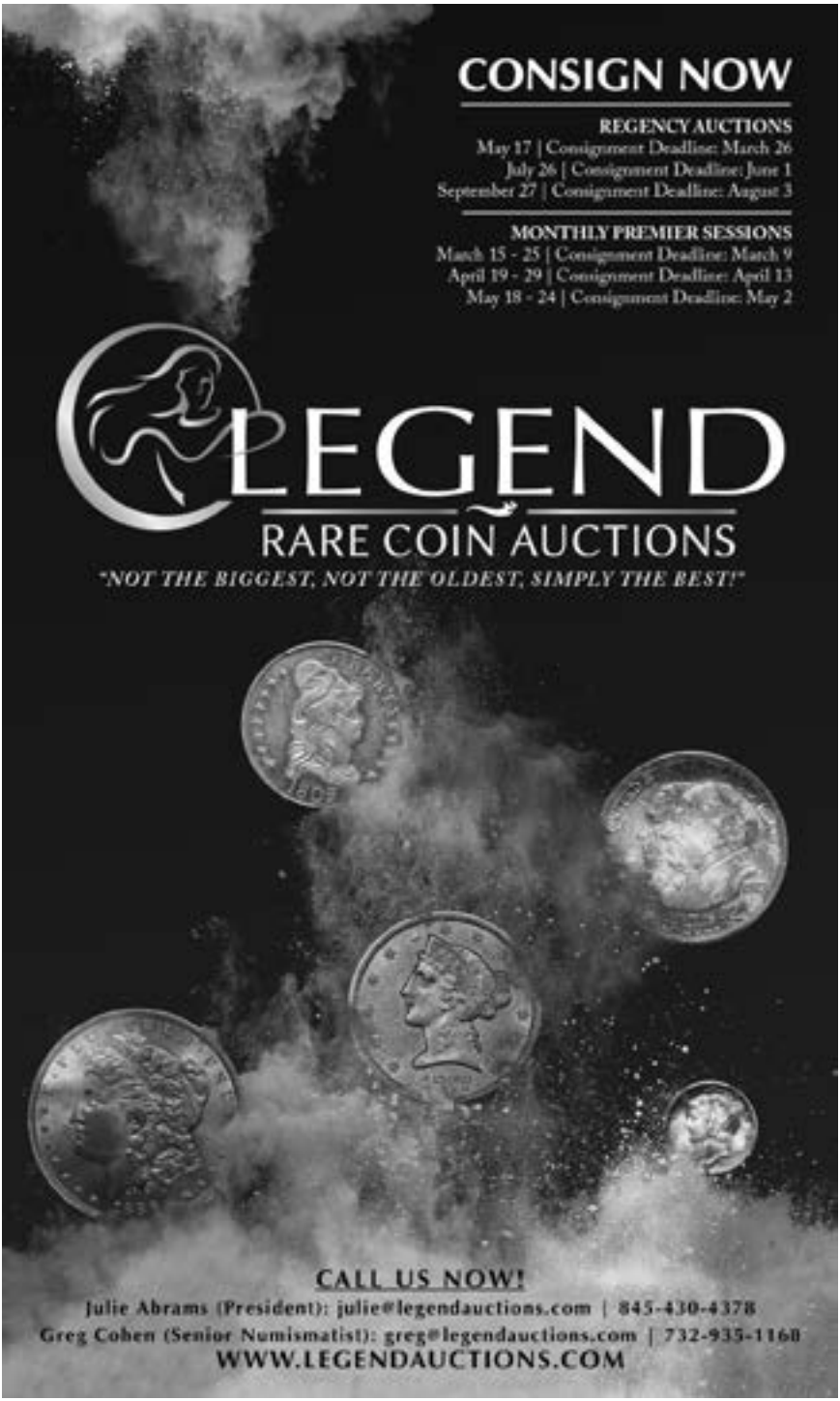
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Richard A. Hartzog 1947—2017

Richard A. Hartzog, 70, died Nov. 11, of metastatic bladder cancer. Born Nov. 4, 1947, in Chicago and raised in Wheaton, IL. Hartzog moved to Rockford after attending the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. He was predeceased by his parents, Walter B. Hartzog and Virginia J. Hartzog; sister, Terri Hartzog; and his lady, June Shigley.

He is survived by his brother, Jeff Hartzog the World Traveler; sister, Nancy (Rick) Brunton of Colorado; daughter, Jennifer Hartzog of South Beloit; nephew, Tyler White of Kansas City; nieces, Cody Yeager of Gilbert, AZ, and Anna (Justin) Sales of Montrose, CO; including his inherited daughters, Karen McCaugheny of Lombard, Jennifer Kross of Peachtree City, GA, and Kerry Anne Shigley of Loves Park.

Hartzog was a collector and dealer specializing in tokens, medals and other small collectibles including 19th century Illinois Exonumia, Civil War Tokens and Slave Tags. He issued numerous auction catalogs and sold at shows and online over the course of 45+ years of business. Under the name World Exonumia Press, he published several books of his own and others.

Hartzog was president of the Chicago Coin Club from 1979 to 1982. He served on the board of governors for the CSNS, CWTS, TAMS, Illinois Numismatic Association and was a member of the Rockford Coin Club among others.

A "Celebration of Life" for Rich was held at Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, IL, on Feb. 17.

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Robert Maisch, who co- edits of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association newsletter with Cheryl Maisch, photographed the ships in 1969 and used that photo as the basis for his winning New England Numismatic Association medal submission.

This is Maisch's third New England medal. He has also designed two TAMS medals.

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Cincinnati Numismatic Association

Charity auction nets $633

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Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

Toned beauties prove all but worthless

Things aren't always what they appear to be, collectors attending the Rare Coin Basic Lecture at the fall Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show in October learned.

Over three decades the reverses of these harshly cleaned coins had toned, likely from packaging.

Collectors were shown a set of five Morgan dollars, all shiny on the obverse and bull's-eye toned on the reverse. At first glance they appeared to be prized beauties.

The December issue of the PANeNEWS explained what was really going on.

> They were purchased in the mid '80's from a marketing company geared to attract those not too familiar with rare coins. They are cleaned, polished and common date Morgan Dollars housed in a cheap plastic case. After such harsh processing they would only be worth silver value if they were ever to be offered for sale again. These types of companies marketed items at inflated prices to the unsuspecting. The coins are well worn and both sides were harshly cleaned to make them "nice and shiny." The set was stored in a dark closet for 30+ years and forgotten about. It was viewed as a lesson-learned, stupid purchase. The coins were pressed into the holed blue cardboard which could explain the toning. But why were they toned only on one side?
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> The reverses were faced against a thin blue sponge type of material as part of the packaging. This acted as the catalyst over a very long period of time in a fairly consistently controlled temperature environment. So what do we have now, gem beauties that are now worth a lot of money? No, we still have mistreated coins that have a pretty color on one side. The danger of items like this is that they could be removed and placed in single flips with the reverse side up sitting in a flea mart or estate auction with the implication of gorgeously toned Morgan Dollars from an old time collection.

PAN offers the Rare Coin Basics Lecture at all of its conventions. The next PAN show will be held May 10-12 at the Monroeville Convention Center.

Chicago Coin Club

A solid gold literary award

Coin club awards tend to be long on honor and short on cash value. But it wasn't that long ago that one hobby group gave out massive gold medals.

Courtesy of David Schenkman

Bill Burd, president of Chicago Coin Co., showed one of medals during the show-and-tell portion of the Chicago Coin Club's January's meeting

The Chicago Coin Club's *Chatter* newsletter reports that the item was "a medal awarded to Charles J. Ricard in 1986 for his article "Valley Forge Medallic Memorials." The medal is 57mm in diameter, weighs 5 troy ounces of 14-karat gold, and contains 2.92 ounces of gold. In 1965 Joseph Segel, best known as president of Franklin Mint, set up a fund to sponsor an annual literary award for the best article published by the Token and Medal Society. It was named the 'Segal Literary Award' and the first recipient was Melvin Fuld in 1965, when it was made of 22 karat gold."

Segel donated 1,000 shares of Franklin Mint stock to TAMS to endow the award and fund other endeavors. Paul Cunningham reported in the *TAMS Journal* in 2015 that the endowment became a "victim of the economy." Over the years David Schenkman won eight of the awards. In 2003, the TAMS board renamed its highest literary award in his honor.

Elgin Coin Club

Longtime editor steps down

Jim Davis, Elgin Coin Club's longtime secretary and newsletter editor has stepped down. Davis served on the club's board for 20 years and as an officer for 12. In November, the club elected Arthur Schatke to the post.

Jim Davis

Others elected are Pete McCoy, president; Howard Curtis, vice president; and Charlene Beal, treasurer.

Borrowing newspaper wire service shorthand for the end of an article -30-, Davis wrote in his last issue of the *Elgin Coin Club Newsletter* as secretary**:**

It's -30-. With this issue I end my tenure as ECC

Secretary. I have tried to keep our members informed on club activities, hobby news and provide a bit of numismatic education. Hopefully you have found my articles interesting and the positive feedback I have received makes all the effort worth it. If the new secretary asks, I can still contribute to the newsletter. Otherwise I'll be sitting with the rest of the members and working on other articles and projects.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Spike sparks win in fantasy contest

A Capped Bust half dollar that increased 65 percent in value last year sealed the deal for Jim Heinrich to win the Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Fantasy Numismatics contest for the second year in a row.

In the contest, club members select a $25,000 portfolio of coins in January and "cash out' a year later. Portfolios are limited to 10 coins. *Coins Magazine* values are used.

Heinrich's stellar performer was an MS-60 1809 Capped Bust, Reeded Edge half dollar. It went from $3,000 to $5,000 during the year, and Heinrich had three of them.

Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions

1809 Capped Bust, Reeded Edge half dollar

Former CSNS Gov. Bruce Benoit, who runs the annual contest, reported Heinrich's portfolio posted a $6,250 gain. Benoit finished seventh, $500 to the good.

Of the 11 contestants, eight ended in the black, one was even and two lost money.

The worst performing coin was an MS-60 1908-S $20 gold piece. It dropped $5,000. "I'm glad I don't have that coin in my safety deposit box!" Benoit quipped in the *Milwaukee Numismatic News*.

ILNA

Club donates Red Books to libraries

The Illinois Numismatic Association plans to distribute 144 copies of *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, the Red Book and 48 copies of *Paper Money of the United States* by Arthur and Ira Friedberg to 48 Illinois libraries in 2018.

For several years, ILNA has participated in the Central States Numismatic Society's library donation program to further its reach. Central States will reimburse member clubs $500 if they spend $600 or more on books for libraries or schools.

CONA

Club honors outgoing president

Stephen Petty, who had been commuting to Central Ohio Numismatic Association meetings from his new home in Florida for more than a year, chaired his last monthly meeting as president Feb. 21.

Incoming CONA President Spence Sunderland. left, presents a plaque to Stephen Petty at the end of his last coin club meeting as president.

The club presented Petty with a wooden Green Hat Award plaque "in appreciation for his years of dedication and service as president, vice president, board member and exhibitor." A Seated Liberty silver round was inserted in the plaque in recognition of Petty's interest in Seated Liberty silver dollars. Petty, a regional director of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, has assembled a complete set of the scarce coins. He has given numerous presentations on the series, including one at Central States' Fall Seminar last year.

Club members also collected more than $1,000 in donations to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation in memory of Petty's son, Mark, who succumbed to the disease in 2011 at age 21.

In presenting the check, incoming President Spence Sunderland noted, "We all donated from the heart." Petty said Mark was interning at Stack's Bowers Galleries in New York City when he died. He said the company was honoring his son with a spot on the company's recently refurbished Hall of Fame hallway. He delivered a photo of Mark to the company for the display the day after the club meeting.

Vice President Chris Barlow was reelected to that position. Steve Barnett, former president Charles Caldwell, Chris Palmer and Denny Remeta were elected to the board of trustees.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Checking/Savings	569,857.21	Liabilities	
Net Fixed Assets	10,628.94	Current Liabilites	141,452.00
Net Other Assets	12,165.75	Equity	
TOTAL ASSETS	592,651.90	Unrestricted Net Assets	457,815.79
		Net Loss	(6,615.89)
		Total Equity	451,199.90
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	592,651.90

Jack D. Huggins Jr., Treasurer

Profit & Loss
July 2016 through June 2017

Income	
Direct Public Support	
Gifts in Kind & Donations	1,530.00
Investment Interest	
Interest-Regular	878.22
Interest - Dedicated - LM	13,268.00
Total Investment Interest	14,146.22
Program Income	
Centinel - Advertising Income	11,187.50
Membership Dues	25,520.00
Membership Dues - LM	2,250.00
Programs - Seminar Fees	1,615.00
Total Program Income	40,572.50
Convention Income	539,623.40
Total Income	595,872.12
Expense	
Administrative	
Secretary Expense	28,706.90
Treasurer Expense	10,012.35
Board Meetings & Show Travel Costs	28,021.73
Accounting Fees	2,650.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00
Insurance Expense	3,270.00
ICTA Payment	2,473.00
Depr and Amort Expense	587.63
Total Administrative	78,221.61

Educational Related Programs	
The Centinel Expense	41,608.87
Website Expense	1,152.54
Educational Director Expenses	8,932.43
Summer Seminar 1@$1,400	1,400.00
Exhibit Area Expenses	36,523.78
CSNS Seminars - Expenses	9,535.44
Convention Seminars Expense	16,094.41
Video Seminar Recording Expense	2,770.00
YN Outreach Program Costs	1,534.90
Library Book Program Expense	4,600.06
Research Grants	13,650.00
Speaker Bureau Expense	1,260.50
Total Educational Related	139,062.93
Educational Convention Expenses	385,203.47
Total Expense	602,488.01
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The Summer Seminar is a week-long series of educational lectures and classes held each year at ANA headquarters on the campus of Colorado College. Award includes tuition, room (double-occupancy rate) and board, as well as coach-class airfare from the airport nearest the awardee's place of legal residence or at the current federal mileage rate per mile by car, whichever is less. Maximum value of the award is $1,400. An adult awardee must be a CSNS member for a minimum of three (3) years; a YN awardee, one (1) year. Previous winners are not eligible.

Applicants may use the official form or apply by letter and will be judged primarily on the basis of past contributions to organized numismatics. Examples of activities considered to enhance an application include service as a local, regional or national numismatic organization officer; publication of numismatically related articles; a history of exhibiting at coin shows and other numismatic exhibitions; as well as service on the staff of local, regional or national coin shows or numismatic conventions within the CSNS thirteen-state area.

Applications must be submitted prior to August 1, 2018.

For information about Scholarships, contact:

Patricia Foley, CSNS Secretary
131 W. Layton Ave. , Suite 205
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LIST ANY NUMISMATIC EXHIBITS YOU HAVE DISPLAYED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. (LOCATION, CLUB AND AWARDS WON)
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LIST ANY NUMISMATIC ARTICLES WRITTEN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. (SUBJECT, NAME OF PUBLICATION & LENGTH)_____
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LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF YOU THINK MIGHT BE IMPORTANT _____
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David Vagi

Understanding Ancients

Roman Provincial Coins

Roman provincials (or "Greek Imperials") are perhaps the most intriguing of all ancient coins, both from the numismatic and the academic points of view.

A bronze coin of Caesaraugusta, Spain, struck for Augustus (27 B.C.-A.D. 14). The reverse shows a ceremonial plowing scene in which the boundaries of a Roman colony were established.

As Roman authority grew beyond the Italian peninsula, the new areas the Romans controlled were designated as provinces. Typically, the Romans did not try to extinguish cultural or religious features in these occupied regions and replace them with purely Roman values. Instead, they were more concerned with revenue: taxes, tariffs, slaves, natural resources, food and trade goods.

Economic life in these provinces often required coinage. Much of that need was filled by "imperial" coins struck at the main mint in Rome or at one of its official branch mints. This would include any gold coinage. However, much of the silver, billon and base metal coinage used in the provinces was struck at "provincial" mints.

Provincial coinage was issued on a very large scale, and in great variety over the course of three centuries, and at more than 600 cities from Spain to Mesopotamia. Of the tens of thousands of different issues that were produced, many are known by fewer than a dozen examples.

A bronze coin of Pautalia in Thrace, issued for Septimius Severus (A.D. 193-211). A two-handled krater topped with apples, grapes and olive branches appears on the reverse.

But rarity does not always equal high prices: excellent examples of very rare types routinely can be found for

less than $250. More importantly, the opportunities for research and collecting are virtually limitless.

Typically – though not always – provincial coins bear the portrait of an emperor or a member of his family and show on the reverse something of local significance.

Struck at Termessus Major, in Pisidia, during the 3rd Century A.D., this bronze coin depicts the local hero Solymus both on the obverse and the reverse.

One unusual category of provincial coins has a divinity or an object in place of the imperial portrait. These sometimes are called "quasi-autonomous" issues. That term, however, is misleading since such coins are not an indication of the issuing authority having achieved a degree of autonomy from Rome. Coins like these were just the result of individual choices (which likely required permission).

The inscriptions on provincial coins vary depending upon where they were issued. Greek was used on provincial coins of Greek cities and Latin was used on coins of Roman colonies – cities outside Italy that had been founded by Romans.

The four most important mints to issue provincial coins were Pergamum in Mysia, Caesarea in Cappadocia, Antioch in Syria, and Alexandria in Egypt, though many others produced very large quantities of coins over long periods.

The reverse designs on provincial coins are remarkably varied, ranging from "standard" types showing a deity standing, seated or reclining, to more unusual ones, which invariably capture the attention of advanced collectors.

Among the last Roman provincial coins to be struck is this billon tetradrachm of the rebel Domitius Domitianus (c.AD 296-297/8). It was struck in Alexandria, Egypt.

Some exciting reverse types celebrate athletic games or depict mythological episodes, while others feature architectural objects, ships, animals or mythological creatures. Some rare coins of Apameia in Phrygia, a city near Mt. Ararat, bear the most astonishing reverse type of all: Noah and his wife with their famous ark.

David Vagi is an avid specialist in ancient coins. He is the director of NGC Ancients for the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation.

Coin Club Meetings

This roster of CSNS member coin clubs *is published for the convenience of collectors visiting the Central States area who may wish to attend a local club meeting. You are urged to phone or email ahead to confirm meeting times and locations.*

ARKANSAS

North Central Arkansas Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 312 W. North St., Mountain Home, AR. Club address: Box 300, Yellville, AR 72687-0300. President: Christopher Carter, 870-449-2100; email: carter@southshore.com (with the subject Coin Club).

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA) ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Ha ll, North Council, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St.. Contact: Clyde Sweet, Box 1021 Champaign, IL 61824. Ph: 217-840-2526. Email: cwsweet3@msn.com.

Chicago Coin Club ... meets at several area coin and paper money shows during the year and at 6:45 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Chicago Bar Association Bldg., 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604. For possible changes, please check the club website: www.chicagocoinclub.org. Contact: Secretary Carl Wolf, carlwolfco@msn.com. (Club mailing address: Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690).

Club of Illinois Numismatists (COINS) ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of every month at Hazel Crest Park Community Center, 2600 W. 171st St., Hazel Crest, IL. Contact: pjcoffelt@att.net.

Edgar County Coin Club ... meets at 2 p.m. the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce Building on the square in Paris, IL. Contact: Pat Brazelton, 217-463-2217

Elgin Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Moose Lodge 799, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL. Website: www.worksandwords.com/coins/ecc. Email: ecc1@worksandwords.com.

Hillside Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month at the Hillside Community Center, 1 Lind St., Hillside, IL. Address: Box 750, Hillside, IL 60162. Website: www.worksandwords.com/hcc. Email: hillsidecoinclub @gmail.com.

Indian Hill Coin Club ... meets at 8 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Avon Township Hall on Washington St. in Round Lake Park, IL. Contact: Mike Hanninen, 847-872-2725.

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Lake County Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Warren-Newport Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. (just north of Washington St.), Gurnee, IL -- alternate meeting place is Gurnee Police Dept., 100 N. O'Plaine Rd. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday conflicts with a major holiday.) Contact: George Efsen, 847-244-5160; email: george.efsen @att.net.

Mattoon Coin Club ... meets at 7: 30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Community Room at the Mattoon YMCA, 221 N. 16th St., Mattoon, IL. Club address: Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938-0143. Contact: Michael Doran, president, 217-663-0276; email: mattooncoinclub@yahoo.com.

Metro East Coin & Currency Club (MECCC) ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month except June-August at the Collinsville American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia Ave, Collinsville, IL 62234. Email: metroeastcoin@mail.com. Website: www.MetroEastCoinCurrencyClub.com.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Friday of each month at the Community Center, 15501 Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL. Contact: William Birk, Box 287, Oak Forest, IL 60452; email: darandwilliam@att.net.

Quad City Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2900 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL. Contact: Quad City Coin Club, Box 332, Moline IL, 61266; email: QC.Coin.Club@gmail.com.

Railsplitter Coin Club .. meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the meeting room of Friendship Manor, 925 Primm Rd, Lincoln, Il. Entry is gained through the side door off the visitor parking lot. Contact: Railsplitter Coin Club, c/o Butch Bidwell, 125 6th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656. Email: bidwell1@comcast.net

Rockford Area Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at North Suburban Woman's Club, 6320 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL. Contact: Gail Tennant, 654-2745, gwtenn@comcast.net. Website: www.exonumia.com/racc.htm.

Will County Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at the Plainfield Administrative Building, 23748 W. 135th St, Plainfield, IL. (Enter at the front door and go downstairs.) Contact: Mark W., 815-814-3038.

INDIANA

Calumet Numismatic Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. James, 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322. Club address: Box 171, Schererville, IN 46375. Contact: President Noel M. Rodriguez, carmenoel@sbcglobal.net.

Evansville Coin Club ... meets on a Sunday at 1:30 p.m. monthly at the Ohio Township Public Library in Newburgh, IN, located on the SW corner of I-66 & Bell Rd. Each meeting features an educational presentation and an auction. Meeting dates vary, so please visit the club's website for more information: www.evansvillecoinclub.com. To contact the club, send an email to evansvillecoinclub@twc.com.

Goodfellow Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Sportsmans Club, 10101 Madison St., Crown Point, IN. Club address: Box 10576, Merrillville, IN. 46411. Contact: Dan McDowell, 219-942-6107

Indianapolis Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St. Website: www.indianapoliscoinclub.org.

Lafayette Numismatic Society ... meets at 2 p.m. the last Sunday of every month at the Lafayette City Hall, 20 N. 6th St., Lafayette, IN 47901. Dues: $7.50 for adults; free for juniors. Website: lafayettecoinclub.tripod.com. Contact: President Bruce Schlink, 765-564-4391; email: bschlink@wildblue.net.

Logansport Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Logansport Public Library, 7th & Broadway. Contact: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887.

Madison County Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 3rd Monday of the month at Anderson Public Library, 111 E. 12th St., Anderson, IN. Contact: Michael McNeil, madisonccc@gmail.com. Website: madisonccc.tripod.com/index.htm

Marion Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month - except August and September - at the Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520; email: sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway, just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: P.J. Hankins, 1111 Winding Way, Anderson, IN 46011.

Old Fort Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of the month at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-442-6133.

Wabash Valley Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Vigo County Library, corner of 7th & Poplar, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Marvin Mericle, 812-898-1260; email: marv626@att.net.

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Ames Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the Heartland Senior Citizen Center, 205 Walnut Ave., Ames, IA. Contact: Scott Nichols, 515-232-9222 or 515-291-8352.

Burlington Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month except December in the Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St. Contact: President Roger Armstrong, 319-850-7339, BurlingtonCoinCl@aol.com or rwarmstrong9@aol.com

Cedar Rapids Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Iowa State Training Room, Rockwell Collins, 5070 Rockwell Dr, NE., Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552, drparr51@gmail.com. Website crcc.anaclubs.org.

Des Moines Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E. 24th St.. Website: desmoines-coinclub.com

Old Capitol Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Veterans Hospital, third floor cafeteria, 601 Hwy. 6 W., Iowa City, IA. Contact: Tom Robertson, 319-351-2512; email: tdrobby@yahoo.com.

Port City Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December (3rd Tuesday), at Musco Lighting, 2107 Stewart Rd., Muscatine, IA. (No meetings in June, July and August.) Contact: Nevin Roberts; email: nevjanrob@machlink.com.

Siouxland Coin Club… meets at 7 p.m.the 1st Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska St.,S ioux City, Iowa. Contact: John Jackson, 800-397-9053 jjcoin1@hotmail.com.

KANSAS

Hutchinson Coin Club.... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at Gambino's Pizza, 310 S. Main St., South Hutchinson, KS, except July and August, picnic in September. Contact: Francis Hawks, 620-663-1474.

Johnson County Numismatic Society ... meets at 7:15 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Olathe Community Center, 1205 E. Kansas City Rd., Olathe, KS, Meeting Room C. - Kansas City Rd. and Ridgeview. (No meeting - coin show only in October.) Contact: Mark McWherter, 913-764-0386. .

Salina Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Ashby House, 142 S. 7th St. Salina, KS, except for picnic in September and Christmas party in December. Contact: Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

Wichita Coin Club…… meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at the West Side Baptist Church, 304 S. Seneca St. Wichita, KS., except for picnic in September and Christmas party in December. Contact: Francis Hawks. 620-663-1474. Website: www.wichitacoinclub.org.

KENTUCKY

Bluegrass Coin Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Monday of each month at the Bronte Bistro in Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 161 Lexington Green Circle #B, Lexington, KY 40503. Contact: Jeff Garrett, 859-276-1551. Website: www.bluegrasscoinclub.com.

Louisville & Kentucky State Numismatic Assn. (formerly Louisville Coin Club) ... meets at 1:30 p.m. the 3rd Sunday of each month - except December - at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY. Contact: John Bolly, 812-945-3622

MICHIGAN

Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club … meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September through May, at NEXT (formerly- BASCC), 2121 Midvale St, Birmingham MI. Contact: Box 23, Birmingham, Mi. 48012.

Cherryland Coin and Stamp Club … meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of each month at the VFW Hall, 2780 Veterans Dr. , Traverse City, MI. Contact: Harry Sellers, hdsellers@charter.net

Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month, Jan-June and Sept.-Nov. at Flushing Historical Museum Depot, 431 W. Main St., Flushing, MI 48433. Contacts: Box 195, Mayville, Ml 48744. Email: ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net Ph: Dan - 989-843-5247.

The Grand Rapids Coin Club … meets at 7 p.m. the 4th Thursday of each month January -October (November meeting is Wednesday before Thankgiving) at the Grand Rapids Boat and Canoe Club, 401 North Park St NE. Mail: Box 8414, Grand Rapids, MI 49518. Contact: John Chirco, 616-667-1981.

Huron Valley Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Highland Adult Activities Center, 209 N. John St., Highland, MI. Contact: Chuck Sharpe, chaztmi@aol.com. Website: www.hvns.org

Jackson Area Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Jackson Carnegie Library, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI, in the McIntyre Room . Contact: Bill Anderson, waanderson@sbcglobal.net.

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the 12th Street Baptist Church, 3911 S. 12th St., Kalamazoo, MI. Contact: Russ Barr, 269-381-8669.

Lansing Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing MI. Website: www.lansingcoinclub.com.

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets 2nd & 4th Mondays (except major holidays) of each month at Rookies Banquet Hall, 1519 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Contact: Troy Haarala, 313-381-1287.

Ludington Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Ludington Senior Citizen Center, 308 S. Rowe St., Ludington, MI. Contact: Box 502, Ludington, MI 49431-0502. Email: heglund@t-one.net. Facebook: www.facebook.com/LudingtonCoinClub.

NorthWest Detroit Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (No summer meetings) Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 734-425-9225.

The Polish American Numismatic Society ... meets the 1st Saturday of each month at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd. (at Dequindre), Troy, MI. Contact: President Les Rosik, 248-909-2670 or Treasurer Brett Irick, 313-207-3562 or xr7gt@prodigy.net. Visit the club's website - www.pans-club.org - to confirm meeting schedule and speakers.

Royal Oak Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month Jan. - June, and Oct. - Nov., meets the 3rd Monday of the month July-Sept. Meets at the Royal Oak Community Center, 3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak, MI. Monthly auction, guest speakers. Contact: Dan Linna, 248-914-7765.

MINNESOTA

College City Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Northwest Coin Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at Kenwood Recreation Center, 2101 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN. Contact: Ev Levens, 763-757-4251; or John Steinhoff, 651-698-1741.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Owatonna Public Library, 105 N. Elm Ave., Owatonna, MN. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Mark D. Rasmussen, 507-451-7538.

Rochester Area Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant (back room) 1226 S. Broadway, Rochester, MN. (No meetings in June or November.) Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club ... meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month except July, August and November at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 Snelling Av S., Saint Paul, MN. Contact: Ryan McVay, rmcvay_98@outlook.com. Website: rmcvay98.wix.com/tcancientcoinclub

MISSOURI

Missouri Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. the 4th Wednesday of the month (except December) at the Creve Coeur American Legion Post, 934 E. Rue de la Banque, St. Louis (off Olive and Ballas, just east of I-270). Contact: Chris Sutter, 314-644-5935. Website: missourinumismaticsociety.org.

Ozarks' Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Discovery Center, E. 438 St. Louis St., Springfield, MO. Contact: Nancy Redman, 417-862-3867, nr@mchsi.com

NEBRASKA

Fremont Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Fremont Free Evangelical Church, 2050 N. Lincoln Ave., Fremont NE. Contact: Bob Missel, 402-317-7832; email: bob@nebraskacoin.com. Website: www.nebraskacoin.com.

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Clubhouse (center door), 7100 Holmes Park Rd., Lincoln, NE. Contact: Secretary Jim McKee, 402-489-COIN, jim@leebooksellers.com.

Lincoln Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at New Victorian Inn, 225 N 50th St, Lincoln, NE. Contacts: David Willsie, DFWSafety@aol.com. Website: www.lincoln-ns.org.

Omaha Coin Club ... meets the 3rd Friday of each month, with YN meeting at 7 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the the community room at St. Wenceslaus Church 15353 Pacific St Omaha, NE. Contact: President Mitch Ernst, 402-397-2696; email: OmahaCoinClub@msn.com. Website: OCC.anaclubs.org.

NORTH DAKOTA

Capital City Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month September through May at the AMVETS Post, 2402 Railroad Ave., Bismarck, ND. Contact: Larry Schneider, 701-258-9438; email: capitalcitycoinclub@bis.midco.net.

Minot Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month September through May at the Minot Public Library basement, 516 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701. Contact: Josh Hummel, 701-.833-7979; email: coins@srt.com. Website: www.facebook.com/MinotCoinClub

Red River Valley Coin Club ... meets from September to April (no summer meetings) at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th St. S., Moorhead, MN. Website: www.redrivervalleycoinclub.org

OHIO

Central Ohio Numismatic Association ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December) at Oakstone Academy, 900 Club Dr., Westerville, OH. Contact: Gerald Tebben, 614-263-1006, gtebben@columbus.rr.com. Website: conacoinclub.com.

Cincinnati Numismatic Association ... meets at 7 p.m. usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cincinnati Bar Center, 225 E. 6th St., in downtown Cincinnati. Contact: Emmett Ey, 513-233-2646. Website: www.cincycoinclub.org.

Clark County Coin Club … meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month at the 2330 E. High St.,Springfield, OH. Contact: Dan Freyhof, dmhip@yahoo.com

Miami Valley Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 456 Woodman Drive, Dayton, OH 45431. Contact: 937-344-0715, tkakers3316@sbcglobal.net. Website: www.miamivalleycoinclub.org.

Defiance Coin Club ... meets at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Northtowne Mall community room (next to Sears), 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance, OH. Contact: Charles Bakle 419-783-8436.

Legacy Knights Numismatic Society (Xenia) ... Closed membership club for students of Legacy Christian Academy, 1101 Wesley Ave., Xenia, OH 45385. Supporting the exchange of numismatic knowledge among youth and ideas for development of

successful local youth programs. Email: numismatics@legacyknights.org. Website: www.facebook.com/KnightsNumismatics

North Coast Coin Club … meets at 7:15 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at the Orange branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 31300 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH. Contact: President Allen Segedy, 440-543-9757. Email: Ydeges@aol.com

Shelby County Coin Club … .meets at 7:15 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month (except July, August and December) at the First Church of God, 1510 Campbell Rd., Sidney, OH. Contact: sccc1961@yahoo.com. Website: www.shelbycocoinclub.com.

Glass Center Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month except December at Saint Clements Church, 3030 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio. Contact: President John Snyder, 419-367-9997. Website: www.gccc.webs.com

Tri-County Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Marys Community Library, 140 S. Chestnut St., St. Mary's OH. Contact: Lee Clausing, 419-394-3070.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Palace City Coin & Stamp Club ... meets at 1:30 p.m. the 1st Sunday of each month September through May at the Rec Center, 15th and N. Main Sts, Mitchell, SD. Contact: Dean Randall, 605-630-2967, dvrandall46@yahoo.com. Website: sesdcoinclubs.weebly.com.

WISCONSIN

Numismatists of Wisconsin! ... meets three times a year in conjunction with a local coin club's coin show. Contact: Thad Streeter, tls0726@hotmail.com. Website: http://www.numismatistsofwisconsin.com

Kenosha Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August.) at Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

Madison Coin Club ... tries to meet at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at the Alicia Ashman Branch of the Madison Public Library, 733 N. High Point Rd., Madison, WI. Contact: Tom Galway, 608-238-1722; email: tpgalway1@charter.net.

International Bank Note Society - Midwest chapter -- meets at 1 p.m. the 2nd Saturday of each month at the North Shore Library, 6800 N. Port Washington Rd, Glendale, WI. Contact: Jeff Gaffke at jgaffke1@wi.rr.com

Milwaukee Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, WI. (Use entrance #2 on east side of mall.) Website: www.milwaukeenumismaticsociety.com

Nicolet Coin Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Bay Restaurant, Military & 9th Sts., Green Bay, WI. Contact: Roger A. Bohn, 920-819-7294.

Racine Numismatic Society ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August.) at Castlewood Restaurant, 2815 Wisconsin St., Sturtevant, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

South Shore Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Joe Bartoszewicz, 414-327-6156; email: joedee71@sbcglobal.net.

Waukesha Coin Club ... meets at 7 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227; email: fschumacher@wi.rr.com.

Wisconsin Valley Coin Club … meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (June, July and August meeting 3rd Tuesday) at Schofield Coin & Hobby, 754 Grand Ave., Schofield, WI 54476. Contact Thad Streeter, 715-355-5437.

CANADA

Windsor Coin Club …meets the 2nd Monday of each month September to June (except October, when it is the 3rd Monday) at the Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ontario. Visit www.windsorcoinclub.com to confirm meeting schedule and speakers.. Contact: President Brett Irick at xr7gt@prodigy.net or 313-240-6418.

Waterloo Coin Society ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 404 Wing R.C.A.F.A., 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo, Ontario. Contact: Peter Becker, secretary@waterloocoinsociety.com. Website: www.waterloocoinsociety.org.

SPECIALTY CLUBS

TEC, The Elongated Collectors …meets annually at the ANA World's Fair of Money. Contact: Cindy Calhoun at Box 3452, Shepherdstown,, WV, 25443 or Cindy@TECNews.org. Website: www.TECNews.org

Higgins Museum plans July seminar

The daylong 2018 Higgins Museum National Bank Note Seminar will be held Thursday, July 26 at the Higgins Museum in Okoboji, IA.

Four featured program presentations will highlight the seminar, with the speakers to be announced.

Co-hosting sponsors of the seminar are the Central States Numismatic Society, the Society of Paper Money Collectors and the Professional Currency Dealers Association.

The registration fee for the seminar is $75. Registration applications and remittances should be directed to the Higgins Museum, 1507 Sanborn Avenue, Box 258, Okoboji, IA 51355. (A special registration fee of $60 is available to members of the CSNS, SPMC, PCDA and the Iowa Numismatic Association.)

The 2018 Higgins Museum National Bank Note Seminar is the sixth in an ongoing series of educational events hosted in Okoboji. They commenced with a 2006 seminar hosted under the organization and sponsorship of the Central States Numismatic Society. Subsequent events organized by the Higgins Museum have been hosted in 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2016.

For additional information, contact curator Larry Adams at 515-432-1931 or ladams@thehigginsmuseum.org

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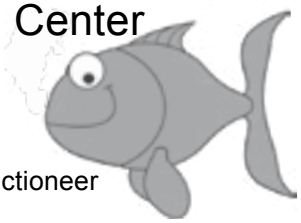

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Coin Show Calendar

Coin Show Calendar *is a regular feature of* The Centinel. *It is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show and travel plans and to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, errors and changes may occur.*

The Centinel accepts coin show listings ONLY from CSNS member-clubs and from commercial entities that support The Centinel *with paid advertising. All other show listing requests will be respectfully declined.*

Show officials should submit information as early as possible to: Editor, Box 82125, Columbus, Ohio 43202. Phone: 614-263-1006. Email: gtebben@columbus.rr.com

Kalamazoo MI, - April 7, 2018
Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's Annual Fall Coin Show, Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tables: 48. Free admission. (Early bird, $25 at 8 a.m.) Contact: Russ Barr, 269-381-8669

Madison Heights, MI – April 8
Royal Oak Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 53. Free admission. Food available. Contact: Bill Ewald, usms-ltd@juno.com 248-643-7453

Milan, IL - April 8, 2018
Quad City Coin Club Spring Coin Show, Camden Center, Camden Park and US Rt. 67. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 80. YN Auction: 1:30 p.m. Free Admission. Contact: Jeff Struve, 309-737-0206

Springfield, OH – April 8, 2018
Clark County Semi-Annual Coin Show, Windy Knoll Golf Center in the Derby Banquet Center, 500 Roscommon Dr. Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: Dr. Gary Lau, 937-206-4943

Milwaukee, WI -April 13-14, 2018
South Shore Coin Club's 54th Annual Coin Show, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Noon - 6 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Sat. . First 150 seniors (62+) and Vets Free. Contact Joe B., 414-327-6156, Joedee71@wi.rr.com . Website: ssccmke.org.

Dalton, GA - April 13-15, 2018
Georgia Numismatic Association 54th Anniversary Coin Show, Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. Free admission. Contact: Tom Youngblood, Tom.Youngblood@att.net, 770-815-4042

Warren, MI - April 13-15, 2018
Michigan State Numismatic Society Convention and Coin Show, Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile Bldg. P. Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Sat; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. Tables: 175. Free admission, parking. YN program. Contact: Brian Tideswell, 734-453-0504, secretary@michigancoinclub.org. Website: www. michigancoinclub.org

Evansville, IN – April 14, 2018
Evansville Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, Tropicana Evansville, 421 NW Riverside Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. CST. Tables: 32, Free Admission. Free Parking. Raffle & door prizes. Contact: coinclub@att.net. Website: www.EvansvilleCoinClub.com

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Mark Twain Area Coin Show, sponsored by the Hannibal and Quincy coin clubs. Hannibal Middle School, 4700 McMasters Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 28. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: janespat1948@gmail.com

Collinsville, IL - April 15, 2018
Metro East Coin & Currency Club 36th Annual Spring Show, Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tables: 32. Free Admission. Contact: Rich Rettle 618-977-3145, metroeastcoin@mail.com. Website: www.MetroEastCoinCurrencyClub.com

Kokomo, IN – April 15, 2018
14th Annual Kokomo Coin & Collectible Show, Kokomo Event & Conference Center, 1500 North U.S. 931. Tables: 25. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Free admission and parking. Contact: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887, dcolford74@gmail.com

Waukegan, IL - April 15, 2018
2018 Lake County Coin Club Show, Bonnie Brook Golf Course, 2800 N. Lewis Ave.(New location) Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com. Website: www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com

Kitchener, Ont. - April 20-22, 2018
Ontario Numismatic Association 56th Annual Coin Show and Convention, Holiday Inn and Conference Centre, 30 Fairway Rd. South. Hours: Noon - 6 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m-5 p.m.Sat., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sun. Dealers: 35+. Admission: $3, 17 and under free. Contact: Robb or Lisa McPherson, 519-577-7206, treasurer@the-ona.ca. Web: www.the-ona.ca

Anderson, IN — April 21, 2018
Madison County Coin Show. National Guard Armory,125 S. Scatterfield Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables:40. Free admission and parking. Contact: Gary Cross- 765-6121-9467

Elgin, IL - April 22, 2018
Elgin Coin Club's Spring Show, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chicago Northwest - Elgin, 495 Airport Rd. Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Don Cerny, 847-888-1449

Schofield, WI - April 22, 2018
Wisconsin Valley Coin Club's Show, Plaza Hotel & Suites 201 N. 17th Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Thad Streeter, 715-574-2777, tls0726@hotmail.com

Schaumburg, IL - April 25-28, 2018
Central States Numismatic Society's 79th Anniversary Convention, Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr. Convention Chairman Kevin Foley, 414-807-0116

Grandville, MI - April 28, 2018
Grand Rapids Coin Club show, American Legion Post 179, 2327 Wilson Ave S.W. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission and parking. Contact: John Chirco 616-667-1981,johnchirco@sbcglobal.net.

Green Bay, WI - April 29, 2018
Nicolet Coin Club Fall Coin Show, Stadium View Bar & Grill, 1963 Holmgren Way (One block east of Packer Stadium) Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tables: 50 Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Roger Bohn, 920-819,7294, boneyard7@yahoo.com

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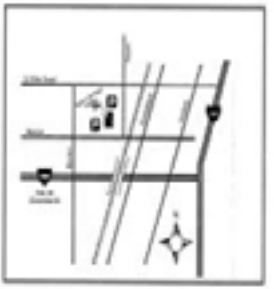

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Port Clinton, OH - May 4-6
MPCFest 19, Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Rd. Reservations: Kim at 419-732-7322. Chat or questions: Fred at 419-349-1872.

Fremont, NE – May 6, 2018
Fremont Coin Club's 59th Annual Coin Show, Fremont City Auditorium, 925 N. Broad St. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission. Tables: 40. Contact: 402-317-7832, bob@nebraskacoin.com Website: www.nebraskacoin.com

Windsor, Ontario – May 6, 2018
Windsor Coin Club 67th Annual Spring Coin Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 39. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Margaret Clarke, 519-735-0727, mtclarke@mnsi.net. Website: www.windsorcoinclub.com

Monroeville, PA - May 10-12, 2018
Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Spring Coin Show, Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd. (Pittsburgh Exit 57, PA Turnpike.) Hours: Noon - 6 p.m. Thurs.;10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri.; 10-a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Tables: 150. Free admission. Free parking. Bourse Chair: Blain Shiff, Cybercoins.net, 412-531-4100. Website: pancoins.org

Manistee, MI – May 12, 2018
Ludington Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Little River Casino Resort, 2700 Orchard Hwy. Tables: 30. Table Fee: $50. Free admission. Contact: Rich Heglund, 231-233-2676 or heglund@t-one.net

Sidney, OH - May 20, 2018
60th Shelby County Coin Club Coin Show, VFW Post 4238, 2841 Wapakoneta Ave. (I-75 Exit 94). Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p,m. Gold and silver raffle. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Todd Garrett, sccc1961@yahoo.com.

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Texas Numismatic Association Coin & Currency Show, Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way. Hours: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. Tables: 200. Contact: Doug or Mary Davis at 817-723-7231or tnacoinshow@gmail.com.

Altona, IA – June 2-3, 2018
Des Moines Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Advertureland Inn, I-80 Exit 142 next to Adventureland Amusement Park and Prairie Medows. Hours: 9 a.m.- 5p.m. Sat.; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sun. Dealers: 55+. Free admission. Free parking. Contact: Chris Seuntjens, 515-251-4031

Kansas City, MO – June 7-10, 2018
42nd Annual International Paper Money Show, Sheraton Crown Center, 2345 McGee St. Hours: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 9 a.m. - Noon. Sun. Admission $7/ $20 family. Contact: Doug Davis - 817-723-7231, Doug@IPMSKansasCity.com. Website: money2018.com

Wichita, KS – June 15-16, 2018
Kansas Numismatic Association Coin & Stamp Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd. Hours: noon - 5 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. Free admission and parking. Dean Schmidt, 913-426-2567.

Lincoln, IL – June 16, 2018
Railsplitter Coin Club, Jefferson St. Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1700 N. Jefferson St., Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission and parking Contacts: Richard Pearce, 217-737-1440 or Butch Bidwell, 217-732-3464.

Cincinnati, OH – June 28-30,2018
35th Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Expostion, Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Sat. Tables:115. Auction: 4 p.m. Sat. Contact: Paul Padget, 513-821-2143

Orlando, FL - July 12-14, 2018
12th Annual Summer F.U.N. Convention, Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr. Opens at 10 a.m. daily. Contact: Cindy Wibker, 407-321-8747 or CWibker@aol.com

Springfield, IL – July 22, 2018
Central Illinois Numismatic Association coin show, Northfield Center I, 3210 Northfield Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tables: 70. Admission: $1. Table fee: $70. Contact: Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL, 62704-3902. Ph: 217-528-7634

St. Charles, MO – July 26-28, 2018
Missouri Numismatic Society 58th Annual Coin Show, Saint Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza. Hours: 12 - 7 p.m. Thurs; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat. Auction: 5 p.m. Fri. Free admission, parking. Tables: 135. Contact: Sid Nusbaum, 636-583-2090,sid1904pike@yahoo.com. Web:mnscoinshow.com.

Philadelphia, PA – Aug. 14-18, 2018
American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St. Hours: 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Tues.; 10 a.m.-5:30 pm. Wed.-Fri.; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat. Admission: Free for ANA members.

Dalton, GA – Aug. 24 - 26, 2018
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association's 59th Annual Convention, Dalton Convention Center, I-75, Exit 333. Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m .- 3 p.m. Sun. Bourse Chair Ron Blackman, 321-258-0325, rblackman@cfl.rr.com.

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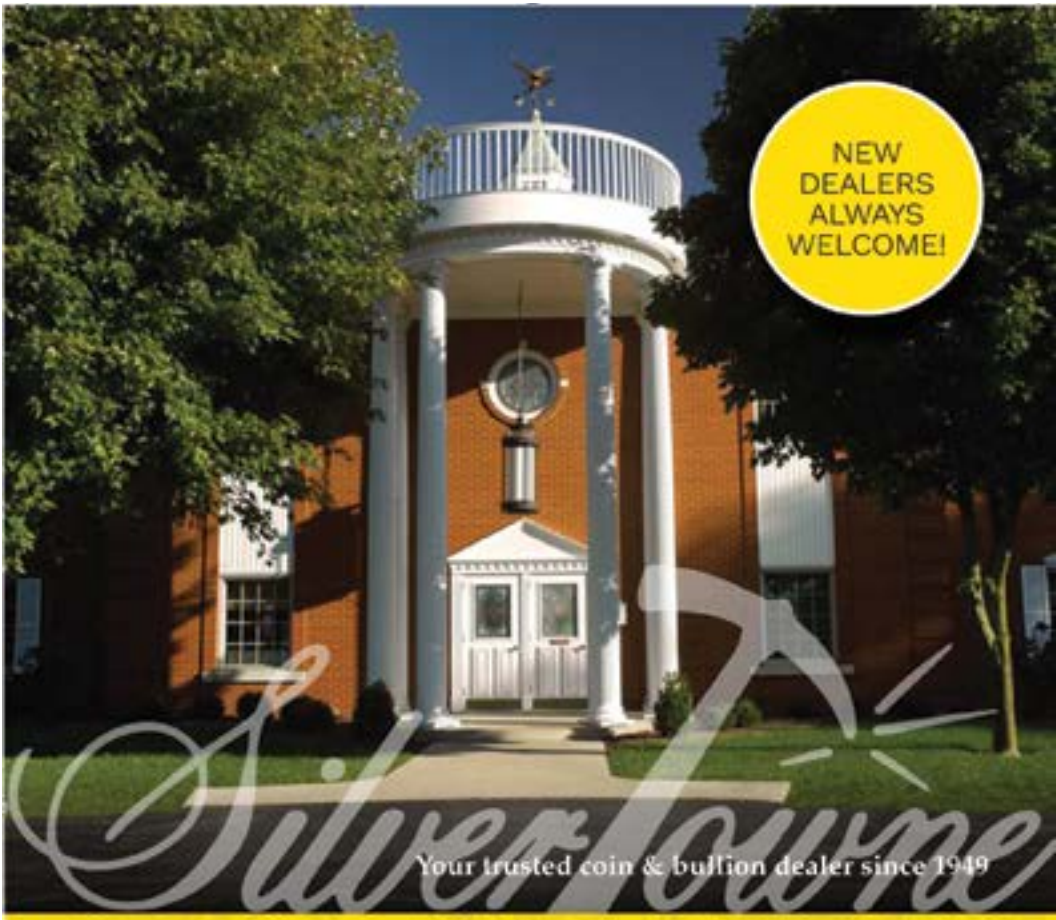

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